

# Testimony in Opposition of HCR 3026

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Dear Honorable Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Carter Hass, and I strongly affirm a “DO NOT PASS” recommendation for resolution HCR 3026.

I recommend that you strike down this resolution based on the Status Quo and Anti-imperialism.

North Dakotans are looking to you to reduce costs, protect cities, and provide for the people. You are the people. This legislation uses precious legislative time for national affirmation of policies. You are at a record number of pieces of Legislation in the status quo, and it is a crucial time for our state and its youth. I urge you not to pass this legislation and focus your honorable efforts on more dire issues.

I find imperialism to be a moral evil. Britannica defines imperialism as a “state policy, practice, or [advocacy](#) of extending power and dominion, especially by direct territorial acquisition or by gaining political and economic control of other areas.” What you’re advocating for could be internationally considered a projection of power, aka imperialism. I recognize the need to show 21st-century dominance in this evil era. But let us not forget the great responsibility that comes with power. I also acknowledge the need for national security, but our national security does not depend on the status of a Northern Territory; alliances and military expansion can exist without taking over sovereign land, hence every American base in Europe as of 2025. Considering the need for a show of force, we can surely adapt, but the backing of taking over a sovereign nation is unacceptable. Greenland is free, and we cannot support whether its annexation is peaceful or not. Our power belongs elsewhere; using it to dominate other nations for our benefit is wrong.

You may hear arguments like the ones I provide today; however, where I differ is in my morals. America cannot follow a path of peaceful imperialism. Because peaceful imperialism is still imperialism. Adolf Hitler annexed Austria peacefully with extending power and imperialism, and yet his empire fell from corruption and evil. America was built by hard work and manifest destiny, which worked for the time. But like all great nations, we must adapt to new times. In the 21st century, America must focus on patriotism and unity. Therefore, as a State, we must not pledge our support or time to the annexation of Greenland. I urge you not to pass this resolution. I continue to pray for you and your phenomenal work. Thank you for your service to our state. God bless you all,

Carter Hass.