

Written Testimony Opposing HRC 3060

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 3026, which urges the U.S. Congress and the President to pursue the annexation of Greenland as a territory of the United States. This resolution is not only impractical but also disregards key ethical, diplomatic, and geopolitical considerations.

First, the resolution fails to respect Greenland's sovereignty and the self-determination of its people. Greenland is an autonomous territory of the Kingdom of Denmark, and any proposal for annexation disregards its citizens' right to determine their own political future. Any such efforts to pressure Greenland into U.S. territorial status would undermine international norms regarding national sovereignty and self-governance.

Additionally, the resolution overemphasizes economic and strategic interests while failing to acknowledge the cultural and historical ties Greenland has with Denmark. The proposal implies that Greenland's value is primarily in its natural resources and strategic location, rather than recognizing the needs and desires of its people. Such an approach risks alienating Greenlanders and the broader international community.

Moreover, the United States has historically faced significant challenges in governing its existing territories. The ongoing struggles of Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories highlight the complexities of territorial governance, including inadequate representation, economic dependency, and insufficient federal support. Rather than pursuing new territorial acquisitions, the U.S. should focus on addressing the needs of its current territories and indigenous communities.

Finally, the proposal risks straining diplomatic relations with Denmark, a longstanding ally of the United States. Pursuing Greenland's annexation, even through diplomatic efforts, could be perceived as an aggressive and unwarranted intervention in Denmark's affairs, potentially damaging an important transatlantic relationship.

For these reasons, I urge the North Dakota Legislative Assembly to reject House Concurrent Resolution 3026 and instead promote policies that respect the sovereignty of all nations and prioritize genuine cooperation rather than territorial expansion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David Gipson