



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Testimony Supporting House Bill 1205

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Good afternoon, Chairman Ruby and honorable members of the House Human Services Committee. My name is Jacob Thomsen, and I am a Policy Analyst with North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of House Bill 1205 and respectfully request that you render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

This bill supports North Dakota’s longstanding history of being a pro-life state. Newborn safety devices are another important way to encourage adoption over abortion. In a state where it is incredibly common to know someone everywhere you go, it is important to have these boxes as protection of the parents’ anonymity, as well as the baby’s safety. These boxes provide a safe way to surrender a baby without face-to-face interaction, and they undoubtedly eliminate concerns of confidentiality. To address any questions or concerns about these boxes, I’ve attached a resource from Safe Haven Baby Boxes in the footnote of my testimony¹.

This bill supports safe and confidential surrender of babies in our state. For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action respectfully requests that you render a “DO PASS” on House Bill 1205. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify, I will stand for any questions.

¹ "Arguments Against SHBB: Responses," accessed January 20, 2025, [Link](#).