

Hello members of the North Dakota Legislature. My name is Chris Freeman, and I have been a resident of North Dakota since 2021, living in South Dakota before that to attend school, and California before that. One of my favorite things about living in North Dakota is the ability to live my life free. North Dakota is the freest state I have ever lived in, and I truly appreciate it.

I work as a registered nurse. Monday-Friday, and as a father of two children under 2 years old, the time I get with them is precious. This includes shopping for clothing, food, and even home improvement to make sure they have a good upbringing. My weekend time is short, and HB1150 would ruin my ability to care for them and my household. My wife and I do all of our shopping on Sunday mornings, this includes things for our household. By reverting back to stores not being able to sell certain items during regular hours, it will hinder our ability to care for our family.

As a Christian myself, I fully appreciate Sunday's and my time with my family. However, by passing HB1150, this is a clear step backwards, and not forwards. As North Dakotans, we must allow people to practice their faith as they see fit. HB1150 is forcing beliefs onto people, which I do not believe is right. North Dakotans already spoke about how they felt about this in 2019, ending Blue Laws. Bringing it back would be an insult to North Dakotans.

I urge you to vote against HB1150, as North Dakotans have already made clear how they feel about this subject. Passing HB1150 is a step backwards and would absolutely harm our State.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chris Freeman