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House Industry Business and Labor
Chair and Committee Members

HB 1493: Oppose

I, Dawn Kopp, reside in Bismarck where I also own property. I have been fortunate to work with the local New American and refugee communities. Our New American neighbors have worked tirelessly on average for 9 years to gain entry into the United States of America as legal immigrants; many have waited even longer.

Our New American neighbors are hard-working medical professionals, entrepreneurs, lawyers and legal assistants, city planners and farmers, and fill many job opportunities that are open across our great state of North Dakota. They pay income, sales, and property taxes. They donate their time and money to local causes. They take care of their neighbors, families, and communities - everything my ancestors did not much more than a century ago.

The Office of Legal Immigration staff are dedicated public servants who work to make North Dakota an even more prosperous state by working closely with the individuals and families who seek to legally make North Dakota their home.

I strongly encourage your DO NOT PASS recommendation and opposition to HB 1493 as I wholeheartedly do.

Best,



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