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Speaking In favor of house bill 1493

Chairman Warrey and committee members. I am speaking in favor of House Bill 1493 and asking the committee to pass this bill.

Why should the citizens of North Dakota have to pay to bring immigrants in to fill our jobs, many of them in Private industry? \$485,000 for a two position department is ridiculous and that's just the start of it. Burleigh county created a \$300,000 office for the same reason. At least they said when the \$300,000 runs out they will end it which may not be possible because once you bring these people in you end up housing them, feeding them and giving them free health care. This is completely different than when my ancestors came here. My grandparents had to assimilate, learn English, get jobs on their own and fend for themselves! They were proud when they would take the test and finally become United States citizens! We have become a nanny state with no accountability of the tax dollars spent.

North Dakota needs a department of government efficiency or D.O.G.E. for short! Many of the work shortages were caused by our very own government during COVID when people were forced to take the shot or be fired.

If private businesses want to bring immigrants in they can go through the proper channels and do so. Our tax dollars should not be used for private business purposes.

Please vote yes on House Bill 1493
to bring SOME credibility and don't waste our hard earned tax dollars!

Thank you!