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Oppose HB 1493

Dear Committee and Chairperson:

Thank you for considering the potential negative consequences of this legislation. Legal migration is why many of us are Americans today. Previous generations seeking a better life worked the soil, raised families, and paid taxes. If you seek healthcare, you can often thank an immigrant for doing your surgery, meeting you in the Emergency Department, and delivering your babies. North Dakotans rely on immigrants, and there should be an efficient mechanism to assist businesses and the human beings who are attempting to navigate difficult immigrant processes.

Ending the Office of Legal Immigration sends the wrong messages including:

- North Dakotans are not warm and welcoming
- North Dakotans do not need your tuition dollars
- North Dakotans have plenty of employees
- North Dakotans do not need people with expertise in business, industry, or healthcare

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