

HB 1493

Housing, Business and Labor

My name is Sargianna Wutzke, and I am writing to express my opposition to HB 1493, which will eliminate the North Dakota Office of Legal Immigration.

We continue to have a workforce shortage in North Dakota. The Office of Legal Immigration in our state has assisted with this critical issue in our state. The North Dakota Office of Legal Immigration has specifically assisted in the area of rural healthcare, assisting smaller communities in filling positions that have been open for a long period of time. The North Dakota Office of Legal Immigration has also been instrumental in assisting immigrants who are new to North Dakota with integration into the community they are calling home.

There have been many positive impacts in our state due to the North Dakota Office of Legal Immigration. I urge a DO NOT PASS on House Bill 1493 as the office has made a profound impact in North Dakota.

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