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Chairman Klemin and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am Representative Matt Heilman from North Dakota's seventh legislative district in Bismarck. I come before you today to testify in favor of HB 1134. This legislation is to ensure people are protected from the dangerous act known as doxing. This is known as publishing private or identifying information on the internet with malicious intent. A friend of mine dealing with this issue is what prompted me to bring this legislation forward. You will hear her story after my testimony.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the bill is straight forward and to the point. The purpose is to protect people against others who disseminate sensitive information with malicious intent to intimidate, abuse, threaten, harass, or frighten an individual who resides in this state. A person in violation of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. The penalties on page two lines 16-22 gradually become tougher based on the results of disseminating personally identifying information. I will gladly stand for any questions.

Strike page one lines 15-17 and insert the following to avoid conflicting languages in NDCC. The following definition is in green from NDCC 12.1-17-07.1B:

~~"Immediate family member" means a parent, grandparent, spouse, child, stepchild, father in law, mother in law, son in law, daughter in law, sibling, brother in law, sister in law, or grandchild.~~

"Immediate Family" means a spouse, parent, child, or sibling. The term also includes any other individual who regularly resides in the household or who within the prior six months regularly resided in the household.

Insert the following starting on page two line 23:

- “5. This section does not impose liability upon the following entities:
- a. An interactive computer service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 230;
  - b. An internet service provider, cloud provider, or telecommunications network; or
  - c. A radio or television broadcaster, including a streaming platform, cable or satellite television operator, programmer, or producer.”