

Testimony in opposition to HB 1145

I am opposed to the placement of the Ten Commandments in ND classrooms, for the following reasons:

1. This is in violation of the Constitution of the United States
2. Defending this unconstitutional act will cost the taxpayers of ND thousands in legal fees
3. The printing of the posters is another financial burden on the schools and universities
4. Posting the Ten Commandments will require the equal posting of religious creeds of other religions. We have seen in other states that, for example, allowing a Glee Club on school grounds meant that meetings of Satanists also had to be allowed
5. Posting the Ten Commandments, without teaching about them, will not change the behavior of students
6. Religious teachings belong in church/temple/mosque or home

Sincerely

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