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NO on HB 1145

Chair Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Kristin Nelson and I am the mom of a public school student in south Fargo. I urge a **DO NOT PASS** on HB 1145.

This bill is blatantly unconstitutional and will cost North Dakota taxpayers money to defend it in court. The premise that a religious document such as the one proposed helps instill morality and goodness in our students is ridiculous. Without any context or education behind the document it will be another wall hanging that takes up space and ignored.

My family is not religious, and I do not believe that my child should be subjected to any religious education without my knowledge or explicit approval. This bill is the indoctrination that everyone keeps talking about. Legislators do not believe queer teachers can show pictures of rainbows or their families in class for the unfounded fear of turning children gay, but it's fine to submit children to an arguably old version of the 10 commandments that promotes the Christian religion. Make it make sense.

This bill is also a sweeping mandate with zero financial support requiring all districts to find ways to fund this mandate themselves. This illustrates what a sweeping power play this bill is from the representative who introduced it.

I urge this committee to uphold our students constitutional rights to freedom of/from religion and **DO NOT PASS** on HB 1145.

Respectively submitted:

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