

House judiciary committee,

I am in support of HB1145 to have the 10 Commandments in our schools. Our own ND Constitution references God, so saying we need to separate church and state doesn't work for me. However, I am in agreement of this bill because I believe the 10 Commandments are a part of the history of not only ND but also our country. I hear from people that we would be making a statement if this bill passes, that this is not a good thing. I say we would be making a statement if we allow fear to keep us from keeping our history alive. If we are not careful we will not have any credible history left.

Thank you for reading my testimony,

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