

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Judiciary Committee

My name is Miki Thompon. A mother and home educator from Dickinson. I am writing to ask you to give a "do not pass" on HB 1231. I am astounded that a bill like this would even be proposed. We live in North Dakota where long serving legislators, school board members, celebrated photographers, and many more community members and leaders are committing sexually heinous crimes. The victims must live with the repercussions of these crimes for a lifetime. The longer registration is a way the public is safeguarded. The current law, 15 years, is a drop in the bucket to what the victims go through, so why would we shorten that? Just recently the West River Community Center had multiple incidents with an out of state sexual offender. This man did serve his time but is a lifetime registrant for another state. His actions at the local rec center resulted in him being banned from the property and from public school athletic practices. If anything, we should be concentrating on state crossover laws. So, when a high-risk offender moves to our state their registration and status go with them. We here in North Dakota need to be firm on these crimes. This bill is giving the offender too much clemency. We do not want to be known as the state who does that! Thank you for your time serving on this committee.

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