

[I am re-sending as I was told I needed to insert my name in the testimony]

Hello. My name is Linda Lee Sand. I live in downtown Fargo. Many years ago, my brother was an innocent victim of gun violence, so issues involving this subject is near to my heart. I am a resounding **Do Not Pass** for HB 1411. Thank you for taking my testimony.

Imagine if you could have saved all the school children gunned down in Sandy Hook, El Paso, in Parkland and Uvalde, just to name a few. An FBI study of mass shooters found that the average shooter displayed four or five observable and concerning behaviors before their attacks. Imagine if you saw these behaviors but had no clear means of intervening to prevent these deaths, how helpless you would feel. Now imagine there was some mechanism that you or the authorities might use to thwart these horrific acts. There is. It's called Extreme Risk Protection Orders, and I firmly disagree with a bill that would prevent anyone in the state from adopting, implementing or enforcing these orders, making it a Class B Felony if you try. Why would we prevent the preventable if we had the chance? If we're not going to create laws that protect the vulnerable, what does that say about us as North Dakotans, as human-beings? No doubt some will benefit financially from this bill, what Ghandi termed "commerce without morality — one of the seven blunders of humanity," and another reason for a do not pass.

I am standing up for all children, grandchildren and fellow citizens when I urge you to Vote **NO** on HB 1411.

Thank you, once again.