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RE: HB1161

Dear members of the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of North Dakota,

I am a resident of Fargo, ND. Please, accept the below as my testimony IN OPPOSITION of HCR3020 'urging North Dakota to acknowledge the Kingship of Jesus Christ'.

Major point:

**The resolution is against the first amendment and that makes it unconstitutional.**

Minor comments:

- There is language of 'all nations' and 'all over the world' in the resolution. A rough estimate of the number of Christians is ~2.9 billion or 31% of the world population. That is not even a majority.
- North Dakota can not and should not attempt to control the rest of the world.
- America is a democracy, we don't need a king.

Altogether, I vehemently oppose HCR3020 and recommend a DO NOT PASS vote.

As in all my testimonies, I much appreciate the hard work and dedication that each member of my state legislative assembly puts into our state. Thank you.

Sincerely and respectfully

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