

Chairman Longmuir and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lindsey Bertsch and I am a resident of District 3 in Minot, North Dakota. Today, I am very strongly urging you to give a Do Not Pass recommendation on House Concurrent Resolution 3020. I was born in Minot and have lived most of my life here, and this resolution goes against the beliefs of so many of the Christians - and even Catholics - whom I've known and loved throughout my life. I believe this resolution is wildly disrespectful to Christianity, in addition to being an overstep of the government. The Jesus Christ I have learned about does not require our state to pass a House Resolution declaring his Kingship for our prosperity. The Christ I grew up knowing would possibly even find this whole ordeal concerning, and more akin to idolatry than true reverence. Christian Nationalism has cooked up this false prophet version of Jesus to fit their narrative, and it is deeply troubling that it has taken root in the form of this House Resolution.

This resolution is also of suspicious origin, as it seems to be an experiment of Christian Nationalism as law being beta tested in our state. I found it odd that the first five "In Favor" testimonies submitted are all from out of state, and I believe you should find that odd as well. It seems that there are out of state organizers trying to influence legislation in place of North Dakotans deciding our beliefs and values for ourselves. In a [video](#) from a YouTube channel called Scholastic Answers, a man named Christian B. Wagner claims to have helped author this resolution. He was the guest speaker at a North Dakota Young Republicans (NDYR) event last month, and on a [Facebook post](#) from the group, it is implied that he travelled from out of state to be there. Why is proposed North Dakota legislation being written by an out-of-state author? In addition, the NDYR [Facebook event](#) for Wagner's visit describes his efforts as working toward "the conversion of the Muslim World." This makes the potential ulterior motives of the resolution increasingly concerning. On top of all of that, his [Twitter account](#) is full of misogynistic and anti-semitic remarks. An example implying Christian superiority over Jews is attached below. HCR 3020 does NOT represent North Dakotans, I urge a Do Not Pass recommendation. Thank you for your time.

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Scholastic Answers Video where he claims to have co-authored HCR 3020:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGt0qjKrDwE&t=1057s>

Christian B. Wagner "braves the cold" to come to North Dakota:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=980373617523671&set=pb.100066531265783.-2207520000>

Christian B. Wagner works toward the conversion of the Muslim World:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=973606991533667&set=gm.1572015647522824>

Christian B. Wagner Twitter account: <https://x.com/walmartthomist?lang=en&mx=2>