

Senate Bill No. 2184
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Seth O'Neill and I am representing the North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition in opposition to Senate Bill 2184.

This bill would provide additional parenting time to a parent after a false allegation of harm to a child was made by the other parent. Although this may seem like a good idea, we are concerned that this situation may be abused when there is not enough evidence to prove an allegation is true. If a parent is concerned that the other parent is causing harm to the child, they may be reluctant to report that parent if they fear retaliation in this regard.

Due to these reasons, we encourage the committee to give SB 2184 a Do-Not-Pass Recommendation.

