

Good morning

My name is Susan Beehler a mother of 5, a grandmother of 3. I was born in North Dakota, a life long resident of North Dakota, a Mandan resident for almost 30 years, District 31, a small business owner, a former Girl Scout leader, camp director, camp cook, youth church director, camp director, camp cook, a domestic violence shelter advocate, a survivor of domestic violence not by my husband but my father.

I am opposed to HB 1498. I urge a do not pass.

I am opposed to removing civil liability. If someone pulls a gun on me or any family member in a property dispute and they are doing so to bully or intimidate then the party threatened or shot should be able to seek civil remedy if they choose. I am not an attorney so I don't know. The bill states civil action so would this also include protection orders?

In the section page 2 starting on line 25, as a survivor of domestic violence, an abuser feels they have the right or are entitled to commit violence against another. This section gives them immunity. This puts family members in an even more dangerous position. As an advocate for domestic violence victims and survivors I have seen abusers threaten the use of violence over a perceived threat or shared property, this bill gives an abuser permission and little accountability.

The very last portion of granting immunity for threaten in your home is particularly scary in a domestic situation.

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