

SB 2182  
House Judiciary Committee  
March 16, 2021  
Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

Chairman Klemin, members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the executive director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for the delivery of indigent defense services in North Dakota. I rise today on behalf of the Commission to provide testimony in support of SB 2182.

The right to consult with counsel when charged with a crime is a fundamental right enjoyed by all in our great country. The Commission on Legal Counsel for indigents supports the rights of the accused, including the right to counsel. The Commission's support for this legislation is simple, let the accused have the same access to consult with an attorney as an attorney has to consult with the accused.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, on behalf of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, we urge a do pass recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis W. Finck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Travis W. Finck  
Executive Director, NDCLCI