

HB 1503  
Senate Education  
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Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Caden Wurzbacher and I am a student at North Dakota State University. House Bill 1503 is currently one of the most important pieces of legislation that impacts future college students. We must ensure our campuses continue to offer students unique experiences, exposing them to a variety of ideological differences. I would ask that this committee give this legislation a do pass recommendation and the State Senate place these protections in our state's Century Code.

The state of North Dakota is, and has always been, a place of common sense. I believe it is common sense that we further protect our constitutional right to free speech. During my time at North Dakota State University, I have had the opportunity to take part in different student organizations and activities. Through my participation across campus, I have been subject to differences of opinions, debates and ideological discussions. These conversations have crafted my ideology and contributed to my passion for politics. This bill guarantees that my fellow classmates and future students have the same right to participate and learn outside the classroom.

In closing, we must take progressive steps in furthering our states safeguards on the first amendment. Respectfully, I ask that this committee recommend a do pass.

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