

HB1144 – Free Speech in North Dakota, as stated in the Bill of Rights

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Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I strongly urge a DO PASS on this bill.

Amen. God bless you. Can I pray for you? These three phrases can incite censorship on certain internet platforms now. I've seen friends thrown in to what is referred to as "Facebook jail" for using this type of language on their pages.

The facts are....., According to this study....., have caused my own posts to be taken down and 'warnings' issued. Where do we live? We are in America! The First Amendment states, "... the freedom of speech, or of the press;...." There is no cause for censorship in America. Do we all agree with what is being said? Of course not, but in America it is our freedom to do just that.

Please vote DO Pass!