

Thank you to the committee for hearing the testimony of everyone involved.

My name is Anita Casey-Reed, and I am a parent who lives in Bismarck. I think that the bill to prohibit the teaching of critical race theory in public schools is misguided, and therefore should not be passed. First, Critical Race Theory is a framework used in legal studies, not in K-12 history, so this seems to be a law without applicable use. Second, if such a bill is to be considered by the legislature, then it should be given time and consideration in a standard session, not in a special session designated to discuss redistricting for the next decade, and to discuss the use of COVID relief funds. Third, if this bill is attempting to prohibit the teaching of history that includes instances of racism in our nation's past, I think it is micromanaging in a way that borders on censorship, and as such should not pass.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your hard work on behalf of the citizens of this state.