

Good afternoon Representatives,

I am honored to submit this testimony today on behalf of our great state and the nation of Israel. It is my privilege to run a technology company based out of Fargo. We strive to be community-driven, client-centric, technology thought leaders that are displaying excellence in our craft of software development. Israel has been imperative on the world stage of thought-leading technology for many decades. Many of these innovations I am sure have been mentioned here today, but I would like to focus on the ones that impact our business's daily lives.

Israel's advancements and innovations have impacted the very technology we employ, daily, to impact the great state of North Dakota and her surrounding regions. Yesterday, while preparing for a podcast episode that will advance our local business, I opened a book on Kindle that the interviewee had written and will be promoting. Within moments, I was able to receive and process the information needed to have information out on the airwaves that will represent technology coming from our own state. I would not have been able to do this without the Java platform that supports Kindle. The transference and speed of information procured are incredible. Who developed this? You guessed it, Israel.

Every morning, I open my laptop and get to work on the Windows XP operating system. When a business comes to us right here in North Dakota for a technical solution to solving a problem, we cover the values that will be most critical to the development of their products. One of these values is always security. Thanks to Israel's thought-leading technology, we can offer several options, one of which is Firewall protection developed by Israel.

Finally, our company is proud to represent one of the many start-ups in our state. Israel has been dubbed a start-up nation. She is a technological powerhouse and boasts more science-related start-ups per capita than any other nation on earth. Her venture capital funding is second only to the United States. The nation of Israel is one that we must support to have access to the most brilliant advancements in the world. We must stand to protect the boycott of Israel in the great state of North Dakota. To this end, I am expressing my support for bill #1368, my support for the protection of a partnership with the nation of technology advancements in our state and in our world, and my support for Israel.

Propelling Into the Future,

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