

HB 1361

Testimony In Favor of bill ND House Bill HB-1362.

Dear Members of the House Health Services Committee

I am providing testimony in favor of the bill for reduction of rights for corporations, AI, government, etc.

I am an engineer, an electrical engineer. I have the ability to create digital lifeforms, and have created simple colonies of them for testing purposes inside of a lab.

Even though I am in favor of your intent, your bill is poorly worded in the last sentence and should say:

... may not be granted personhood in the state or **be assigned** any right personhood entails.

For section 1: I wholeheartedly agree with granting rights to people over organizations, animals, Artificial Intelligence (AI), etc. If you don't make the laws now, an AI granted personhood in SD will have rights in ND. AI can be used to inflict harm on others and it has the ability to be replicated easily as simple as you clicking a file on a PC, and selecting copy/paste. If there is no person and bank account to sue, then the AI can be used with no liability or ability to delete it for violation of laws, and the person who built it won't have any consequences to their imagination and creative work being realized.

For section 2: Grandfathering entities creates constitutional double speak and a 14th amendment issue of equal protection and equal treatment under the law, and I disagree with section 2 as a whole. Companies are not people, nor are municipalities, or organizations, so shouldn't have rights. An Artificial Intelligence program predating your measure will get into the state. Governments and corporations can work against an individual's liberties due to status of personhood. People don't use eminent domain against people to seize their property, but companies manipulate governments frequently to take a person's property for a corporation and government to make money through use of that property. This is textbook misuse of government by companies. Companies can use monies (profit) from their sales to lobby the government prior to paying stock-holders, and violate fiduciary ethics laws in lobbying to take away the rights of people or challenge established laws which protect human rights while granting immunity to companies. If google takes ad revenue while obliterating your right to privacy while selling your metadata, then goes to government to demand citizen right to bear arms be infringed, and it shadow bans conservative speech and news outlets, to help out its government overlords, this is what your grandfathering allows.

To maintain big company government access and rights equal to a person, results in devastating consequences. Corporations should not retain personhood as they already enjoy that at a federal level, and they use their profit to buy favor in government, while leveraging near monopolies on local and regional industries to enhance profits and control. Already Twitter, Google, and Facebook have violated the US constitution by working with government officials to spy on and censor US citizens with AI assistance. There has been no fine or jail for any persons or corporations who have aided the government in violating the US constitution. This is an issue that personhood and lobbying have created.

I give you a taste of what overactive companies can do to a state. In Washington and many states, you are not allowed to post pictures of a livestock feed lot or livestock processing (butchering) facility. The companies sue the author of the picture for damages and the media host for damages. This use of lawfare to censor critics is common. By doing that, they get to cover for any number of sins, including

unsafe work conditions, animal cruelty, and environmental damage: air pollution, soil damage, and water pollution. In Yakima county, when passing Granger and Sunnyside, there is a smell of manure in the air that exists along a 5-7 mile strip of the road. It is there year-round. To mention the cause in print or on media can bring financial ruin. The local feed lots are the obvious cause of the air pollution, as they are readily visible from the interstate. In Washington, the livestock industry helped write a law that exempts them from the EPA rules others have to follow and they are shielded from all financial consequences of poor land and waste management.

Thank you

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