

## **Testimony Supporting House Bill 1450**

Mark Jorritsma, Executive Director North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action February 8, 2023

Dear Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Our organization would like to testify in support of House Bill 1450 and ask that you issue a "DO PASS" out of committee.

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action recognizes that pregnancy is a process, not an event. It is a process that has long-term impacts on a family's future – thankfully, positive in the vast majority of cases. However, we also understand that it can be very difficult for the mother to be pregnant, and complications and/or related health issues arise that fall outside of "being pregnant" or giving birth. One example might be a miscarriage. Mothers and their jobs need to be protected in these circumstances, even more so when one considers the number of single female-headed households. This bill would offer that protection.

Our organization supports common sense protections for pregnant mothers. For that reason, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action requests that you render a "DO PASS" on House Bill 1450. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my testimony.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director