

Testimony In Support of HB 1537

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Chair Klemin and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

You have the power to send a message to all in North Dakota and across the nation: Hate is not welcome in North Dakota.

With a “Do pass” recommendation, you can make happen this new vision:

People who live here and who businesses want to attract to live here can live without fear.

With this legislation, there will be a clearer understanding of bias crimes to help police officers do their jobs; there will be education to new and current officers about these issues; there will be a way forward through restorative justice to help people understand and change their way of thinking and attitudes.

Please vote in favor of a “Do pass” recommendation.