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Madam Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Cole Christensen, Representative from District 24.  
I am here to testify in support of HB 1362.

This bill is a continuation of the resolution that was unanimously passed last special session. That resolution HCR 3049 declared that Parents are the Primary stakeholders over their child's future. This bill solidifies that and protects the integrity of the family unit and recognizes the fundamental liberty of a parent to conceive, raise, manage, train, educate, and reasonably discipline their child.

The other aspect of this bill protects children from abuse and neglect, and the states retains a compelling interest in investigating, prosecuting, and punishing a violation. The state is secondary and supportive to the primary role of the parent, and the legislative assembly is the primary stakeholder in the establishment, maintenance, and success of the states education system.

This bill re-affirms what we believe as North Dakotans, that the family is the backbone to our society. Lets be a champion for parents, and I would ask that you give a do-pass recommendation.

I will stand for questions.