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Madam Chair and members of the committee, for the record my name is Cole Christensen Representative from District 24. I am here to testify in support of HB 1334.

This bill's goal is to define the term "Domestic Terrorism" This creates a definition and gives guidelines on how one could be prosecuted as an enemy of the state. This raises it to a very serious threshold.

- 1.) You are working in cooperation with a federally designated terrorist organization that threatens or appears to threaten the sovereignty of the State or the United States of America
- 2.) Is a violation of criminal law
- 3.)
- a. Involves violent acts or threats specifically intended to physically harm human life, or:
- b. Intimidate, coerce, influence, or disrupt other lawful activity within the state; or
- c. Influence the policy of the state or any political subdivision of the state
- d. Involves the use of weapons of mass destruction.

There have been letters sent out from the National School Boards Association asking the FBI and DOJ to investigate parents as Domestic terrorists. These parents were raising questions and concerns at their local school board meetings.

We see this in the media, terms like this being weaponized against average Americans for merely participating in the political process. The deadly label lynching from the Media has led to the government being weaponized against the American people. Our federal delegation has a select subcommittee on the weaponization of the Federal Government that is looking into this very issue.

Parents are not domestic terrorists, and neither are average American citizens. Being an enemy of the state is a serious offense, and this definition raises it to that high benchmark. Let's stand by the citizens in our state, and push back against the weaponization of our federal government.

I would ask for a do-pass, and I will stand for questions.