

House Judiciary Committee

Testimony of Travis R Zabloutney HB1145

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Chairman Klemin and members of the Judiciary Committee:

I ask you to support HB1145. I am Travis Zabloutney resident of Minot and Chairman of District 5 and NW Regional Chairman of the NDGOP. This is my personal testimony. I believe society would be a better place if everyone, regardless of faith or religion, lived by the Ten Commandments. Regardless of faith or religion society needs moral guidelines. The ten commandments contain profound instructions for how to lead a moral life - everything we need to create a good world. The country we are all privileged to live in would not have become a country of privilege without the Ten Commandments. Preserving the history and relevance of the Ten Commandments should be honored and recognized as an attempt to preserve our nations moral law. It should also be easily recognized that the Ten Commandments represent the spirit of all civil and criminal laws made in our country.

As an individual fellow Republican, I remind you of several planks of our agreed upon NDGOP Platform relevant to your decision on this bill. This is verbatim from the NDGOP Platform.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

“Individuals and families are responsible for their behavior. Public policy should encourage and empower their efforts to provide for their own health, safety, education, moral fortitude, and personal wealth.”

FAMILY INTEGRITY AND THE AMERICAN MORAL TRADITION

“Traditional American families should be encouraged and supported by policies to nurture strong marriages consisting of one man and one woman, to support moral values, and to create, control and maintain their individual wealth with minimal interference from government.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

“The rights of American citizens proceed from The Creator, not from government. Government authority proceeds only from the consent of the People. Individuals, including the unborn, have the intrinsic right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

It is your job Republicans to put our Nation back on track as the founders of this country had intended. Let me remind you of a quote by one of our founding fathers.

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” – John Adams

Please ask yourself, since the time a judge in 1979 had taken it upon himself to override the law passed by the people of this state, has our society become a better place to live? A better place to raise our children, a society that you want leave to our posterity. I ask you to be a leader, be courageous and do the right thing. Bring back to our state educational institution the historical document, the Ten Commandments, the document known and well understood by many to be the foundation of the foundation of our Nation and States moral code. Please vote yes on HB1145.

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