

**Support HB 1351  
House Judiciary Committee**

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Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Kristie Wolff, I am the Communications Coordinator for Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners (CDFNE).

CDFNE is a North Dakota based non-profit organization providing forensic medical services to children and adult survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, abuse, and neglect across 23 counties in western North Dakota. I am testifying today in support of HB 1351.

Through our work, we have witnessed firsthand the alarming rise of artificial intelligence (AI) technology based exploitation, particularly through the creation of “deepfakes.”

This form of abuse is profoundly harmful, enabling perpetrators to exploit, humiliate, or blackmail victims with content that is often indistinguishable from reality. The psychological toll on victims can be immense, as they are forced to defend their reputation and cope with the trauma of being exploited in such an invasive manner.

What makes this issue even more concerning is how accessible the technology has become. Creating deepfakes requires minimal technical expertise—anyone with a computer, the correct software, and images of an individual can generate convincing doctored content. This ease of access significantly increases the risk of exploitation.

The scope of the problem among young people is staggering. A 2024 survey conducted by The Center for Democracy & Technology revealed that 15% of K-12 students reported being aware of AI-generated non-consensual intimate images involving individuals from their school. This

translates to approximately 2.3 million public school students across the country being exposed to or affected by this issue.

This is a pressing problem that we believe demands action. We are aware of the multiple bills addressing this topic coming before this committee, therefore we urge the committee to use these bills as a framework to craft comprehensive legislation that protects North Dakotans from AI-enabled abuse and exploitation. Addressing the misuse of deepfake technology is critical to safeguarding the dignity, privacy, and safety of all individuals, particularly the most vulnerable in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,  
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