

April 3rd, 2025

House Political Subdivisions Committee
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Support for HCR 3037

Chairman Longmuir and Committee Members,

My name is Corey Johnson, and I reside in District 23 in Williston. I also serve as the Chairman for the District 23 GOP. I submit this written testimony to you in support of HCR 3037 and hope that Legislative Management takes on the critical task outlined within.

The Declaration of Independence states:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The founders further describe the purpose of their new government as:

“...laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness”

The founding documents of our great nation further build on the principle that the primary purpose of government is to provide for the protection and general welfare of its people and to ensure that all have equal access to the unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Children are our most precious and valuable population, but also our most vulnerable. Child abuse and exploitation is a heinous crime, but even more so when it is done by those who have sworn the oath of office to protect them. Serving as a public official is an honor and a privilege that demands the highest level of accountability. When persons of influence and power are not held accountable, their actions, by default, are condoned.

I ask for your support in recommending HCR 3037 to the House floor with a “Do Pass” recommendation. I also ask that you further support this resolution by encouraging Legislative Management to take on the study described within.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical resolution. Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this testimony further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corey A. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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