



NORTH DAKOTA

Family Alliance LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Testimony in Support of House Bill 1148

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Dear Chairman Luick and honorable members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee,

My name is Mark Jorritsma and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of House Bill 1148 and respectfully request that you render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

HB 1148 is a relatively straightforward but important bill that would ensure that each year, our governor proclaims May as Military Appreciation Month. We fully support honoring our men and women who previously served and currently serve in the military. The incredible sacrifices and commitment made by them in the defense of our country and its values cannot be overstated. Speaking personally, my father served in the military, as well as many relatives on both sides of our family. We greatly respect their service and devotion. In addition, there is biblical foundation for protecting one’s family and country, and it is made quite plain to us by Christ himself that, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13, KJV)

For the above reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action requests that you render a “DO PASS” on HB 1148. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.