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Chairwoman Lee and members of the Human Services Committee

I am writing on behalf of myself as an individual citizen of North Dakota and as a parent and am asking that you oppose HB1450.

This bill has the potential to remove a sense of safety for children who are in abusive situations. It is disappointing to me that this bill, like others, aims to take away the rights of youth. Even though they are minors, I think it's important that we remember youth are human beings and should have rights as well. The most important of these rights is the right to safety and health. HB1450 could remove this right for all of those 17 and younger and sets a disturbing precedent that our state is willing to turn a blind eye on child abuse.

Please vote Do Not Pass on 1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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