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Mr. Chairperson, Judicial Committee Members,

I am opposed to HB 1231. The reasons are endless. I have a daughter who was molested by her own brother-in-law for over 4 years before we were made aware. She is disabled and the law only made it more difficult in the land of law. What I can tell you is that as a mother I have watched this affect her consistently and negatively in every aspect of her life. She must continue counseling due to the trauma that this "pig" inflicted on her. He has since went on to continue to abuse others with acts of sexual abuse.

I cannot imagine how my daughter feels but I know that when we learned of this, I have never experienced anything like it myself. I hope you think of your own children and grandchildren long and hard before giving these individuals a pass, their victims will not get a get out of jail free card. If you ever find yourself in this situation, I can tell you that it will rattle you to your core.

The problem is not in their pants, the problem is between their ears. This cycle will not end until laws change, and they are locked up in an insane asylum for life. I understand murder, I am not saying it is right, but given certain situations one can see how something like that can tragically happen. I do not understand abusing children with sex.

Help us make that make any sense.

Below is a small amount of research I have found, and these numbers are astonishing.

"Recently sex crimes researcher Jill Levenson of Lynn University in Florida and her colleagues found that the average member of the public believes that 75 percent of sex offenders will reoffend.

Due to the frequency with which sex crimes are not reported to police, the disparity between the number of sex offenses reported and those solved by arrest and the disproportionate attrition of certain sex offenses and sex offenders within the criminal justice system, researchers widely agree that observed recidivism rates are underestimates of the true re-offense rates of sex offenders."

Please Vote NO on HB 1231. It is my and your duty to protect our children and citizens in ND.

Thank you

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