

Testimony on SB103
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By Russel K. Enns, Ph.D.

Good morning Mr. Chairman and Committee members,

My name is Dr. Russel Enns; I am a registered voter in Piedmont, Meade County, South Dakota, since 2012. I am a Board of Directors member of South Dakota Right to Life. Also, I am a retired senior executive officer of a multibillion dollar biotechnology company located in Silicon Valley California. In 2008 while a resident and registered voter in Santa Clara County, California, my wife Shirley and I made the maximum allowable contribution to a nonprofit organization for support of "Yes on Proposition 8" declaring that legal marriage in California was between a man and a woman. The voters of California overwhelmingly passed Proposition 8 by 64%. Shortly after the election in early 2009 we were "doxx'd" by Google for our maximum contribution in support of Proposition 8. Using their drive through neighborhoods program for photographing house fronts and addresses, they published our names, address and our maximum support of Proposition 8 on the internet in order to intimidate us from further support on this issue. We support our first amendment right of free speech and SB 103 for the right to privacy for nonprofit donors. We relocated to South Dakota from California because after extensive research, we believe South Dakotans still revere our US Constitution more greatly than many other states do today.

Thank you for allowing me to share my view point on SB 103.

Most respectfully,
Russel K. Enns, Ph.D.