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North Dakota GOP Allies with Kansas Republicans to Safeguard Constitutional Principles

Bismarck, ND, January 16, 2024 – The North Dakota Republican Party declared its collaboration with the Kansas Republican Party and several other state Republican parties to address a pressing legal matter currently pending before the Supreme Court.

In the case of *Trump v. Anderson*, the Colorado Supreme Court issued an unprecedented interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. This decision eliminated a presidential candidate from a political party's primary ballot. This move by Colorado's highest court sparked grave concerns among various state Republican parties, including the North Dakota Republican Party.

The North Dakota Republican Party underscores its dedication to conservative principles and values. Among the chief objectives of the party is to champion Republican candidates who will preserve and protect the U.S. Constitution, which is the foundation of our republic.

The Colorado Supreme Court's decision will test its authority to impose new federal constitutional requirements on the qualifications for a presidential candidate. This decision is broadly viewed as an overreach, undermining both the Fourteenth Amendment and Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution.

"I am proud to stand alongside fellow Republicans in North Dakota and across the nation as we unite to defend the fundamental principles of our republic," stated Sandi Sanford, Chairwoman of the North Dakota Republican Party. "The Colorado Supreme Court's decision represents a dangerous departure from well-established constitutional norms. By joining forces with the Kansas Republican Party and other Republican state party allies, we send a clear message that we will not allow such overreaches to go unchallenged. Our commitment is not just to a candidate but to the integrity of our democratic process and we call on the U.S. Supreme Court to rectify this concerning precedent."

The North Dakota Republican Party aligns itself with a coalition of state Republican parties, including the Republican parties of Kansas, Colorado, Maine, South Dakota, Georgia, Delaware, West Virginia, Nevada, Tennessee, Nebraska, Washington, Michigan, Idaho, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Arizona, Ohio, Iowa, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Utah, Rhode Island, and Wyoming. This coalition aims to be heard in defense of their First Amendment rights and the strengthening of jurisprudence protecting those rights.

The North Dakota Republican Party asserts that the Colorado Supreme Court's decision establishes a perilous precedent, opening the door to politically motivated judicial actions that could compromise established principles of law. The party, along with its allies, urges the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the decision and uphold the constitutional rights of both political parties and their candidates.

