



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Testimony of John Bradley North Dakota Wildlife Federation House Bill 1162 Senate Finance and Taxation Committee March 15, 2021

Chairwoman Bell and members of the Finance and Taxation Committee,

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF). I am here today representing our 1,500 members and 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's club across North Dakota. It is not often that we find ourselves in this committee. NDWF was founded in 1935 to protect and enhance North Dakota's wildlife, habitat, and sportsman's access.

While our mission has remained the same for 80 plus years, how we fund our work has changed dramatically. We work with grassroots volunteers who want to support our mission through a variety of fundraising efforts. Technology has greatly enhanced our planning and advertising, but our volunteers are still limited in their ability to sell raffle tickets online. While a number of states allow, or are quickly beginning to allow, the online sale of raffle tickets by charitable organizations and touchless electronic transactions for payment, North Dakota does not.

We are asking the committee today to provide a Do Pass recommendation to modernize North Dakota's raffle laws and help out numerous charitable organizations who are struggling to fundraise in a socially distanced world.

We appreciate the bill sponsor for bringing attention to this issue and for her and her co-signers for crafting this legislation. We urge a Do Pass.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

