



# NORTH DAKOTA BREWERS GUILD

## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2093

January 8, 2021

Chairman Vedaa and Members of the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee:

On behalf of the brewpubs, taprooms and members of the North Dakota Brewers Guild, we urge the Committee to render a DO PASS vote on Senate Bill 2093 as drafted at the request of the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department. In particular, the changes in paragraph 6 offer licensed craft beverage producers an opportunity to showcase their products at properly permitted events at State Parks.

We appreciate the bill language clarifying and simplifying conditions to participate in events in state parks. This Century Code language provides potential opportunities for NDBG Members to sell locally made beverages which support small businesses across North Dakota and makes sense as tourism and destination trends continue to evolve.

North Dakota is home to almost 30 brewpubs and taprooms across the state and each one contributes to their local communities with charitable efforts, investments and employment. Additionally, our industry directly supports North Dakota's agriculture economy by using home grown grains to produce our products, generating more than \$200 million of annual economic impact.

Again, we respectfully request the Committee to give favorable passage to SB 2093. As always, we invite Committee Members to schedule a tour and a briefing at one of our North Dakota Brewers Guild Members to learn how this industry continues to support tourism and the economy of our State.