

March 30, 2021

RE: Testimony IN FAVOR of HB 1248

Dear Committee Members,

As a resident and business owner of this state I am writing this testimony in support of House Bill 1248. It is stated in NDCC 62.1-01-03. Limitation on authority of political subdivision regarding firearms. "A political subdivision, including home rule cities or counties, may not enact any ordinance relating to the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, transfer of ownership, registration, or licensure of firearms and ammunition which is more restrictive than state law. All such existing ordinances are void." Even though this is clearly stated, I personally have had to go before two political subdivisions to have them remove signage prohibiting weapons on public land.

The addition of a penalty seems necessary as there are government entities currently that are in violation of the current law but are willfully staying in violation because there is nothing stopping them from doing such. This lack of adherence to state law by municipalities and political subdivisions is inhibiting a person's right to work by preventing them from obtaining a Federal Firearms License. These zoning, or other regulations, against firearms are maliciously interfering or hindering a citizen from obtaining or enjoying employment already obtained. A clear violation of Article 1 Section 7 of the North Dakota State Constitution. Therefore, I encourage you to vote DO PASS on HB 1248.

Sincerely,

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