



Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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SB 2188

Chairman Burckhard and committee members, my name is Don Larson and I am speaking today on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). NFIB is a non-profit, non-partisan organization and is the nation's largest small business advocacy group.

In North Dakota we represent more than 2,000 small businesses. Our average member has 10 employees and gross sales of approximately \$500,000 per year.

On behalf of our membership in North Dakota, we ask that you give a Do-Pass recommendation to Senate Bill 2188. This bill will maintain a level playing field across the state and prevent a potential patchwork of inconsistent regulations. These regulations will increase the costs and the regulatory burden on small businesses without proven benefits.

We appreciate the efforts of the sponsors of this legislation to stop additional mandates that could be placed on our members.