

January 28, 2021

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Senate Bill 2195

Chair Senator Burckhard and Committee, I am David Clemens, Senator from District 16 in West Fargo and Fargo. I am here to introduce Senate Bill 2195.

I have provided a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 2195.

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to remove any business from a statewide Emergency Declaration and to leave that decision to a political subdivision or local official. As we have witnessed during the last several months, a statewide emergency declaration can limit the businesses of North Dakota across the state. This can place businesses under restrictions that may not be necessary due to the location of the business in the state.

I ask for your support of SB2195 and am free for any questions.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2195

Page 2, line 3, after "business" insert ", except a business may be subject to restrictions imposed by a political subdivision or local official during a declared disaster or emergency"

Renumber accordingly