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**HB 2251-Charitable Proceeds for Political Purposes**

Good morning, Chairman Burckhard and the members of the committee

My name is Collette Brown from Warwick, representing the Spirit Lake Tribe. My professional title in the gaming industry is, Gaming Commission Executive Director of the Gaming Regulations and Compliance Department, our casino is located seven miles south of Devils Lake.

I come before you today as an opponent of House Bill 2251:

This bill does not identify what a political purpose means:

**Political purpose** means to expressly advocate the nomination, election, or defeat of a candidate or to expressly advocate the passage or defeat of a ballot issue.

**Political purpose** means an objective of promoting or opposing a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group.

I'm not sure if any of you are aware of house bill 1162 that expands raffles to be conducted online, in all reality that would be internet gaming and is currently not allowed. State law prohibits even a licensed organization from conducting online gaming, or hosting a raffle online. The reason I bring this up is because I don't know if there is correlation between that bill and the Christmas tree version of this bill. However the intention is to get more money from the estimated 1.6 billion in betting that has occurred from making bets with the charitable gaming.

I strongly request a do not pass on house bill 2251.