We are opposed to HB 1524 and strongly encourage a Do Not Pass on this bill. We can see no benefit to the State with this bill, and it only appears to be an attempt to negatively impact or cripple gaming in the state—which would be absolutely detrimental for all the charities gaming supports. We volunteer at our local Eagles club and provide meals to hundreds of senior citizens, as well as other charities. We have witnessed the assistance gaming monies provide to a whole host of charitable organizations, such as the Anne Carlsen Center, etc. We are concerned lowering these percentages to an 82 percent payout will mean patrons will take their gaming dollars elsewhere, and charities ND gaming supports will lose out on thousands of dollars, as will the state.

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