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Chairman Louser and Members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee,

For the record, my name is Claire Cory, and I represent District 42 in Grand Forks.

House Bill 1331 is a bill on behalf of the racing commission.

The N.D. Racing Commission is the Agency that Regulates all Parimutuel Wagering and live horse racing. This is the regulatory body for all live racing and pari-mutuel wagering. The ND Racing Commission does not own or operate any live racetracks nor any parimutuel gaming site.

The goal of the bill is to incorporate changes to the North Dakota Century Code to update definitions to help clarify language and intent; to allow our (ADW) Account Deposit Wagering to accept wagers on any lawful pari-mutuel races being run in jurisdictions outside the State of North Dakota while not expanding pari-mutuel racing within the State; and to simplify the tax structure as requested by several ADWs, while maintaining tax revenues and to increase the amount of funds that maybe spent out of the promotion fund for operations due to higher costs of operations.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee this concludes my testimony and I am happy to answer any questions.