

My name is Sean Nordstog and I am a firefighter at the Grand forks Fire Department as well as the Treasurer of the Grand Forks Fire Relief Association.

I would like to ask for your support of House Bill 1129. If this bill is passed, our Association will no longer be required to submit financial statement audits. As a former CPA I would perform financial statement audits and understand the costs associated with them. Even for the smallest Organizations, audits can easily be in excess of \$10,000 a year, which consumes a large portion of an already small operating budget from our Association.

Passing this bill will eliminate burden of large audit costs for the Grand Forks Fire Relief Association, which operates on an already small budget. The bill allows for other reporting requirements from the state auditor which are less in scope than an audit, thus more economical. This will allow us to better perform our mission of supporting retired members and will provide a much healthier pension fund.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Nordstog