

To the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee:

**Please DO PASS SB 2218**

“Consent of the governed” is being replaced by the “will of the Elite” in North Dakota. The pioneering spirit that inspired “Legendary” is falling to the same forces of money and media that turned the freedom-seeking original thirteen states that began the American experiment into laboratories of Marxism.

Will North Dakota follow the older states into this odd version of corporate collectivism?

Before victory in Europe was certain, Churchill said:

*“we shall never surrender, and if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island or a large part of it were subjugated and starving, then our Empire beyond the seas, armed and guarded by the British Fleet, would carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the New World, with all its power and might, steps forth to the rescue and the liberation of the old.” – Winston Churchill*

Will North Dakota, known for a freedom-loving people who believes in individualism, count itself as coming to the rescue or in need of rescue? The logic behind biennial sessions was once sound, and firmly rooted in conservative principles. Biennial sessions were underpinned by a belief that a two-year hiatus ensured that North Dakota laws were created by citizens and not professional politicians.

Conditions have changed.

- Freedom of speech is threatened.
- The second amendment is threatened.
- Executives, bureaucrats, and judiciaries at all levels and in both parties have shown a propensity to use emergencies to exert and hold power upon the lives of citizens.

Biennial sessions were one of many forms of placing constraints on the creation of new laws, based upon the assumption that only one branch of government creates laws. **This reasoning no longer holds,** and as such biennial sessions inhibit the ability of North Dakota’s lawmaking body to react to the **overreach we see in the Executive and Judicial branches of government.**

States hold a very special status in the framework of the United States of America. States are special in a way that the Federal, County, and City governments are not. It is appropriate for constitutional conservative North Dakotan patriots to look to our state legislature as our primary means of stepping

forward to blunt the advancement of tyranny at the federal, state, and local level.

***DO PASS SB 2218 and stay in the fight!***

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