

HB 1442

I am writing in support of HB 1442. This bill will serve to protect renters in North Dakota who are not able to pay their housing rent on time and then are penalized with a late fee that can be quite high. I have learned that almost 40% of North Dakotans who rent are spending more than 30% of their income on housing expenses. HB 1442 will place a cap on late rent fees in North Dakota, with the maximum allowable being 8%.

The economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has been it difficult for many ND renters to pay their rent on time. Global Friends Coalition works with families who work in the hospitality industry, one of the hardest hit sectors during the pandemic. Many people working at hotels have had their work hours reduced, since there has not been as much travel. Some people are working just 10 to 12 hours per week as a housekeeper at a hotel making \$11.00 per hour. It's hard to pay your rent when your hours are reduced and your pay isn't that good to start out with. Please support HB 1442 as it puts a cap on late fees in North Dakota, with the maximum allowable being 8%.



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