



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GUN RIGHTS**  
STANDING UP FOR FREEDOM  
DEFENDING THE SECOND AMENDMENT

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Matt Mammoser and I am the Northwest Regional Director at the National Association for Gun Rights. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of our members in North Dakota regarding our support for House Bill 1293.

As a representative of the leading gun rights organization advocating for Constitutional Carry nationwide, we applaud Rep. Rick Becker and House Bill 1293 for fixing minor issues in North Dakota's Constitutional Carry law.

House Bill 1293 will bring North Dakota into full conformity with true Constitutional Carry statutes as seen in over a dozen other states by allowing any law-abiding adult (resident or non-resident) who is able to legally possess a handgun to carry it openly, or concealed while in North Dakota.

House Bill 1293 will also allow for law-abiding adults to carry their loaded handgun openly or concealed while driving in a vehicle, codifying the AG's ruling from 2017.

As seen all across the nation, true Constitutional Carry legislation contains no extra requirements to carry a handgun open or concealed. If you are not prohibited from possessing a handgun, you should not be prohibited from carrying it.

Constitutional Carry should allow law-abiding citizens to carry in equal places with or without a permit. If citizens with a license are not prohibited from carrying there, neither are those without a license. Regarding restrictions on where a person can carry, Constitutional Carry legislation should remove inequalities between someone who has a license and someone who does not.

As evidenced by FBI crime statistics, states with Constitutional Carry have some of the lowest violent crime rates in the entire country. Allowing law-abiding adults to freely exercise their Second Amendment rights keeps innocent people safe, and lets criminals know they do not have free reign to commit unlawful acts of violence.

Rep. Becker's House Bill 1293 does exactly this, and we fully support his legislation.

We ask that the Energy and Natural Resources Committee pass House Bill 1293 and apply the Second Amendment right to bear arms equally to all law-abiding citizens.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.