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To: Political Subdivision Committee
North Dakota House of Representatives

I am in full support of HB 1248. The city of Fargo is attempting to circumvent state law with a highly dubious approach, by using a land development code, section 20-0403 c 5 e, to prohibit federally licensed dealers from operating out of their homes. Fargo Land Development code currently prohibits me, an Federally Licensed Dealer from operating from my home and requires me to procure a location in a commercial zone which costs me additional expenses to operate a part time business. https://library.municode.com/nd/fargo/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH20LADECO_ART20-04USRE_S20-0403ACUS

ND Century Code 62.1-01-03. Limitation on authority of political subdivision regarding firearms. Clearly states;

> *A political subdivision, including home rule cities or counties, may not enact any ordinance relating to the purchase, sale, ownership, possession, transfer of ownership, registration, or licensure of firearms and ammunition which is more restrictive than state law. All such existing ordinances are void.*

The disturbing part of this situation is that if Fargo is allowed to ignore state law in this regard, what other laws will they choose to ignore? The Fargo City Commission believes they do not have to follow state law, if they use a Land Development Code to prohibit the activity of Firearms Sales as a home-based business. I ask that you send this bill to the floor and when this bill passes, hold the city of Fargo to the letter of the law as you would any citizen of this state.

Respectfully,

Edward Krystosek

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