All,

My name is Tony Gehrig, I am writing in support of HB1248, specifically the section regarding cities using Land Development Codes to deny residents the ability to sell or transfer firearms and ammo out of their homes. In addition to this letter I would also enjoy the opportunity to speak with you virtually during your committee hearing.

Although I am a Fargo City Commissioner, I do not represent the other commissioners today.

Currently, Fargo uses our LDC to prohibit the sale or transfer of firearms and ammunition out of private homes. I believe this is directly in conflict with state law.

I could argue that home based sales are safer statistically than store fronts, per the ATF. I could point out that home based sales are how 70% of firearms are transferred in North Dakota. I could also point out that there have been no good reasons given why this prohibition was placed in the LDC in the early 2000's. Instead I would ask that the committee look at the plain language of state law and compare it to what Fargo has done within our city limits regarding firearm transfers and sales.

I would appreciate just a few minutes of your time to explain why I feel this is important.

Thank you.

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