



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
ELK FOUNDATION**

March 12, 2021

Senator Jessica Bell  
Chair, Finance and Taxation Committee  
1224 First Avenue NE  
Beulah, ND 58523-6301

Senator Bell and Members of the Finance and Taxation Committee,

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is a national hunting-based conservation organization with more than 4,100 members in North Dakota. RMEF and its partners have completed 235 conservation and hunting heritage outreach projects in the state with a combined value of more than \$11.9 million. These projects have protected or enhanced 59,016 acres of habitat and opened or improved public access to 36,317 acres.

RMEF supports HB 1162 and actions to modernize North Dakota's raffle laws. Improved technology provides safe and efficient tools for continuing charitable fundraising efforts beyond traditional methods.

RMEF respectfully requests the Committee to advance HB 1162.

Sincerely,

Kristoffer Lofstrom  
North Dakota Regional Director  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation