



To: Senate IBL  
From: Katie Mastel, Government Affairs Manager, FMWF Chamber of Commerce  
Date: February 9, 2021  
RE: **Support SB 2333**

Chair Klein, members of the Senate IBL Committee,

For the record my name is Katie Mastel and I serve as the Government Affairs & Advocacy Manager at the Fargo, Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce. I'm speaking today in **support of SB 2333**.

We are supportive of the concept of this bill as it will benefit our business community and economy. In our region, we have small business app developers who are currently unable to compete without the risk of big tech monopolies shutting them out or pricing them out. Especially this past year our local small businesses undoubtedly took a big hit while big businesses just kept getting bigger. The solution isn't to disadvantage the big businesses, as they have an appropriate place in our economy, rather to address the inequities in the market to allow for a more fair, free market model.

No developer should be blocked from a platform based on their business model, delivery of content or services, or whether it competes in any way with the app store owner. As long as the app meets fair, objective and nondiscriminatory standards for security, privacy, quality, content, and digital safety, every developer should have access to app stores.



We of course are sensitive to cybersecurity and privacy concerns, and as such, would only support legislation that doesn't compromise them. We realize that we may not be the technology experts with a final solution, however as a business association, we encourage the state to move in a direction that better supports our small business app developers. Consequently, we support the concept of this solution, however will leave the technical viability of this specific legislation to those experts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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