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## **Testimony- SB 2188**

**January 21, 2021- Senate Political Subdivisions**

Chairman Burckhard and Members of Senate Political Subs Committee:

On behalf of the North Dakota Grocers Association (NDGA) I ask that you give a "Do Pass recommendation on SB 2188. NDGA represents the retail grocery stores in the state as well as over 80 wholesalers, distributors and vendors. We feel that our businesses should not be told by local governing entities what products (that are legal to sell) it can and can't offer to consumers.

North Dakota residents do not need, nor want, interference in choosing what size fountain soda to buy or how much salt can be on pretzels. Retailers and suppliers need consistency from the state on issues like this. There are many examples of cities such as Fargo and West Fargo, Bismarck and Mandan, and Beulah and Hazen where one cities action can unfairly impact the other.

North Dakota citizens and retailers are the best at deciding on what to purchase.  
Please vote Yes on SB 2188

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