



North Dakota Association of REALTORS®

To advocate for the success of our members in partnership with our local Associations and the National Association of REALTORS®

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Chairman Burckhard and Members of the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee, for the record my name is Jill Beck and I am the CEO representing the North Dakota Association of REALTORS® (NDAR).

The North Dakota Association of REALTORS® membership is made up of more than 2,100 REALTORS® and more than 250 Business Partner members.

I am writing to ask for support of Senate Bill 2247 to amend and reenact section 47-10-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to seller property disclosure requirements. Our Government Affairs Committee, as well as our Board of Directors, discussed bringing this proposed recommendation at just about every meeting over the last 18 months. For consumer protection we feel that this needs to change. So this bring us to where we are today.

There has been much confusion by our REALTOR® members so I am also of the opinion that those licensees that don't belong to our association and don't have us for guidance may also be confused or even not know what they don't know. Buyers and sellers are also confused and often times misled by an "interpretation" of the current law.

I have checked with my counterparts around the nation and majority of the states do have mandatory property condition and not one of them is just for licensees. The enforcement piece has also been discussed and again those states that have laws that are similar they are enforced through the court of law.

There are REALTORS® in the business that will be testifying on what they see in the marketplace and why this should be changed to protect all consumers not just those that use REALTORS®.

We ask for your support for SB 2247 and would be happy to answer any questions you may have now or my contact info is below as well.


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