

House Bill 1524

Bismarck Eagles Aerie 2237 does not support this bill. We feel that lowering the percentage will cause a lot less play of these games which in turn will be less charitable dollars that we give out to the community. Below are some of our donations made back to the community and surrounding area:

Bismarck Police Department	\$10000.00
Missouri Slope Lutheran Home	\$10000.00
Washburn Ambulance	\$1000.00
Bismarck Cancer Center	\$10000.00
ND FFA Foundation	\$15000.00
ND Veterans Cemetery	\$2500.00
Burleigh Co Sherriff	\$2000.00
Home on the Range for Boys & Girls	\$15000.00

These are just a few listed charitable organizations that we at the Eagles have donated to. We have given charitable gaming donations of over \$200,000.00 to organizations like these in the past year. By lowering the payouts down will promote less play which will result in less moneys that we will be able to give to our community. The Eagles Motto is: "People Helping People" in which this bill is devastating to our motto.

My question is why would you not want us to donate to charities like these which will reduce tax revenues that would otherwise be used from the State tax revenues.