



## Benefiting North Dakota Communities through Charitable Gaming

January 25, 2023

### Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1387

Chairman Louser and Members of the Industry, Business and Labor Committee:

I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Gaming Alliance and on behalf of the 152 Members of the NDGA, we offer our support for House Bill 1387.

ND Gaming Alliance represents all facets of the charitable gaming industry. Fraternal Organizations, Charities, Hospitality, Manufacturers, and Distributors. When charitable gaming was authorized by the State, the intent was to benefit the charities and nonprofits in our local communities. In the last biennium more than \$73 million has been disbursed into North Dakota's community causes because of charitable gaming. These arrangements, between a private business and a local charity, are made with a mutually beneficial goal in mind. We understand this may not be a perfect solution for all parties involved, however the Alliance believes this is a fair and reasonable solution. There were many discussions prior to the legislative session on what would be the proper structure for the rent paid to host gaming sites. This bill represents the best effort from all parties.

The North Dakota Gaming Alliance respectfully asks that HB 1387 be given a DO PASS recommendation from this Committee.

Thank you.

Taxes = \$43 m / biennium  
Gambling Disorder = \$10,000 / quarter