

Dear Chairman Louser and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill NO. 1527. As a concerned citizen and taxpayer, I believe this bill is crucial for promoting a fair and lawful employment environment in North Dakota. The problem of illegal immigration has long been a problem in our state, particularly in industries such as beekeeping and farming where there is a high demand for cheap labor.

Beekeepers and farmers in North Dakota often rely on seasonal workers to assist with the many tasks involved in producing honey and crops. Unfortunately, many of these workers are not legally authorized to work in the United States, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and abuse by their employers. This leads to poor working conditions, low wages, and a lack of job security. Furthermore, the use of illegal labor creates an uneven playing field for law-abiding businesses within that industry, as those who employ unauthorized workers will have an advantage in terms of cost and competitiveness.

The provisions of this bill will help to address these problems by requiring that all workers in North Dakota, are employed legally. The inclusion of penalties for those who knowingly hire illegal workers will serve as a deterrent and help to enforce our immigration policies.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to support this bill and take the necessary steps to ensure that all workers in North Dakota, including those in the beekeeping and farming industries, are employed legally. This will promote fairness, protect workers and employers, and ensure that our immigration policies are properly enforced. Supporting the rule of law is important for the well-being of our communities and the success of our state.

Sincerely,

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