

## Testimony in Support of House Bill 1114

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Dear Chairman Klemin and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee. My name is Mark Jorritsma and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying in support of House Bill 1114 and respectfully request that you render a "DO PASS" on this bill, with adoption of the changes proposed by the North Dakota Gaming Alliance.

While our organization is opposed to legalized gambling in North Dakota, we are undoubtedly in favor of helping those with gambling disorders. It is crucial that the Great State of North Dakota helps these individuals in order for them to overcome their gambling disorders and move on with their lives.

House Bill 1114, with changes proposed by the North Dakota Gaming Alliance, would increase funding for gambling disorder prevention from its current level of \$10,000 per quarter to \$80,000 per quarter. This would greatly help the people in our state prevent as well as overcome existing gambling disorders.

For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action asks that you please vote House Bill 1114, with proposed changes, out of committee with a "DO PASS" recommendation.