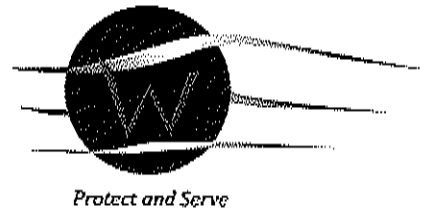


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Testimony in Support of House Bill 1459
House Judiciary Committee | February 8, 2023 | 9 am

Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

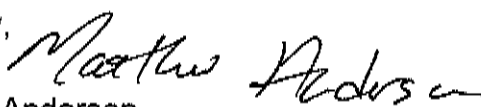
My name is Matthew Anderson, I am the Chief of Police in the City of Wahpeton. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 1459.

If passed, House Bill 1459 would add penalties for drug offenses committed in public parks. The City of Wahpeton has 7 parks covering 130 acres. Our parks are recreational havens for our residents and visitors alike. When visiting, the public expects our parks to be clean and safe.

HB 1459 would treat public parks just like public schools in terms of the penalties for drug offenses. Having safe and drug-free parks is just as important as having safe and drug-free schools. Families and individuals seek out parks to recreate, relax, and enjoy the City of Wahpeton and North Dakota.

Please consider a DO PASS on HB 1459.

Sincerely,



Matthew Anderson
Chief of Police
City of Wahpeton, ND