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Written testimony in support of HB 1175

Dear Energy and Natural Resource Committee,

I am writing to you today to show my support for HB 1175. I urge you to pass 1175 to ensure that public land use remains in the public trust and is not allowed to be privatized due to leasing agreements. The majority of the state is already primarily privately owned land with very little public accessibility in the mid to eastern portion of the state, and if posting were allowed on grant lands this would reduce hunting and recreational opportunities for many users. This would ultimately result in decreased opportunity for North Dakota hunters and could potentially put even more pressure on available public lands, such as the grasslands in the western part of the state. Please support this bill, public land should remain just that...public.

Sincerely,

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