

## HB 1340

Energy and Natural Resources, Rep. Todd Porter, chair

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I write in opposition to this bill. The danger posed from a gun dealership located in someone's home is great. What's to keep a gun seller from being open at all hours? What's to keep an angry ex-husband from having a few beers and deciding its time to teach his ex a lesson – using the new gun he gets stopping by a neighborhood gun dealing happy to open up briefly to make a sale? How welcoming is a city where your neighbor might open a gun and ammo business anytime? Who thinks it is a good idea for a licensed gun dealer to live next door to the local high school, where the rates of suicide among teens have been going up steadily for the last 10 years?

This bill puts ND on an authoritarian path to control of every city and small town through intimidation. It makes North Dakotans less free and more at risk of gun violence. How do you entice workers to move to a state where their neighbor could be a gun dealer?

I urge a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation on this bill.