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Chairman Porter and Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources,

For the record my name is Claire Cory and I represent District 42 in Grand Forks.

House Bill 1479 aims to do two things;

- 1) Legalize the concealed carry of knives that North Dakotans use every day for work, and recreation.
- 2) Stop local jurisdictions (cities and towns) from regulating knives

It is important to note that any knives listed in the code may be carried openly in ND, and concealed with a permit. This bill simply allows those without a permit to put a jacket on over the knife they use to open boxes at work or filet a fish next to a river.

HB 1479 was very narrowly crafted to allow law abiding citizens to carry tools they use in everyday work and recreation, while preserving the authority of the police and prosecutors to prosecute people who commit crimes with knives.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, this concludes my testimony and I am happy to answer any questions.