

**House Political Subdivisions Committee**  
**Testimony in Support of SB 2229**  
**March 8, 2023**

Chairman Longmuir & Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Lisa Feldner. I'm testifying in support of SB 2229 to make curling the official sport of the State of North Dakota. I'm a member of the Capital Curling Club in Bismarck and have been curling for 20 years. Curling is a sport that welcomes all ages and abilities. My entire family enjoys curling including my husband, my two sons and daughter-in-law, as well as my granddaughter. It is a very economical sport to play since most clubs provide the necessary equipment. It is also a very respectful sport with no referees required. The spirit of the game demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling and honorable conduct. North Dakota boasts eleven organized curling clubs which operate not only in large communities, but also in smaller communities such as Crosby, Hazen, Grafton, and Drayton. Drayton has the longest running club in ND which started in 1898. ND hosted the World Men's Curling Championships in 2002 & 2008. In addition, ND has four members in the US Curling Hall of Fame.

One of the best kept secrets is that North Dakota has several regional, national, and even world championships to its credit, likely more than any other sport in the state, and that is one of the many reasons we'd like to see curling as the official sport of North Dakota.

Please help us support curling with a Do Pass recommendation on SB 2229. Thank you.

*Lisa Feldner*