

Date: March 8, 2023

Re: Letter in support of SB 2229

Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Clay Feldner, I am 31 years old have been a member of the Minot Curling Club since 2014. I urge you to pass SB 2229 making curling the official state sport of North Dakota.

Curling, unlike many other sports on which we historically have focused in our youth is a sport that can be played your entire life. It is a family-friendly sport that can be competitively played over multiple generations – even as a single team. It is a sport with a long and successful history in our state. More importantly, it is a sport that is quickly growing and one to which North Dakotan's are well positioned to excel over other states, regions, and even nations in years to come.

Demand for youth programs has been increasing each year, in large due to US Olympic success and coverage in recent years. As clubs, we are working to expand our programs to attempt to fulfill these demands. With the future for the sport looking bright and the future success of our youth looking brighter, I ask to please cast your vote for a Do Pass on SB 2229.

*Thank you,
Clay Feldner*