

*Date: March 8, 2023*

*Re: Letter in support of SB 2229*

*Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,*

*My name is Kit Christensen and I urge you to pass SB 2229 making curling the official state sport of North Dakota. I am a member of the Minot Curling Club and have been curling for 6 years. It's a sport you can play your entire life, as you well should to stay active from early to later ages. It is also a great sport to enjoy with your family and friends, especially during harsher North Dakota winter months. It keeps your mind sharp and agile when we run into the dark season and certainly helps people combat mental stress and anxiety. North Dakota has several clubs for curlers both large and small. They are tightly knit communities that never close their doors to new members or people interested in learning about the sport. Ultimately it brings together groups of people that wouldn't interact normally day to day given the nature of the sport.*

*In closing, please cast your vote for a Do Pass on SB 2229.*

*Thank you,  
Kit Christensen*