

Chairman Longmuir and members of the committee,

My name is Etta Knapp. I am 11 years old and I go to Horizon Middle School in Bismarck. I am here today to ask for your support for Senate Bill 2229. This bill designates curling as the official State sport of North Dakota.

I moved to Bismarck in 2019 and started curling the same year at the Capital Curling Club. I like curling because it gives us the opportunity to improve our physical fitness, practice strategy, and learn good sportsmanship. My father and sister also curl and we frequently practice together. It is a sport for all ages. I have made new friends through curling since moving to North Dakota.

Curling is also fun because we get to visit other cities to play in bonspiels. My family has been to Fargo, Grafton and Williston to curl. I even went to Moosejaw. It's helped me learn more about our new home.

Most importantly, the sport is fun. I recommend it to anyone who has not tried it before, especially other kids.

This bill will designate curling as the official State sport of North Dakota. By voting for this bill, you will be helping to promote and to recognize the hard work and fun that we put into curling. I hope you will vote yes for this bill.

Thank you for listening to my testimony and I ask you to support Senate Bill 2229.