



HB 1253
House Transportation Committee
Chairman Dan Ruby
January 27, 2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Amanda Remyne, and I am speaking to you on behalf of the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA), **in opposition** of HB 1253.

HB 1253 creates several concerns for our organization. This bill does little to prevent damage to vehicles from rocks and gravel. It does not take into consideration that aggregate is a subbase of road, road shoulders, and even the main component of gravel roads – which is included in the definition of a highway. Loose aggregate can arrive from many locations as a result of loading – material fallen outside of the box, the belly dump, or from tires.

Additionally, the bill does not consider the cost to comply. Tarps are expensive and create additional costs in labor – no matter who the operator is. I am happy to introduce Molly Barnes, Executive Vice President of Northern Improvement. She can detail this out further from an industry perspective.

NDMCA thanks the Committee for your time and urges a **do not pass** recommendation.