

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee - I'm Wayde Swenson, Director of the Office of Operations for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to offer testimony in support of Senate Bill 2189.

During inclement weather, the NDDOT works with law enforcement to decide whether to close a road. There are multiple ways the NDDOT provides notice to the public on a road closure, including:

- Posting the closure on our travel information map.
 - Individuals signed up GovDelivery, our messaging tool, will automatically get a text or an email on the road closure depending on the preferences they've selected.
- Providing a news release to media outlets.
- ND 511 Information – telephone service.
- Updating our social media accounts.
- Updating digital message boards on major roadways with road closure information.

We believe these ways the NDDOT gives notice to the public would meet the intent of announcing to the public that the road is closed.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.