

House Bill 1158

ND State Senate

Sub: Testimony in support of HB 1158

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My Name is Y. A., shortening it for a reason. I'm a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and a Sr Electrical Engineer with Excel Energy in Renewable Energy. I'm also a US Army ROTC Cadet in the US Army Corps of Engineers. My testimony is for HB 1158 since it's the main reason I recently moved from MN to ND state and became an ND resident.

I want to highlight a couple points why I'm supporting this bill:

- Even though I support the 80 million for the senior's property tax relief, I'm not in favor of the property tax for the public at the expense of the income tax relief. The reasons are
 - First not all ND residents own a house, almost half of the ND residents who are renting houses/apartments will see no impact at all, and that's unfair to them.
 - The more income relief we ND residents will have, the easier we can save up and pay the property taxes we owe.
 - The property tax relief does not and will not help in solving the problem of filling in job vacancies. Let's be clear on this, ND's cold weather is not tempting for a lot of people to move to the state, but low-income tax will be a factor in making this decision.
- The senate committee is not considering the extra income that the ND government will earn from the people moving to the state especially from MN since there is a reciprocity deal between the two states.
 - I work two full-time jobs, and I get paid more than any ND state senator, representative, or even the Governor.
 - With the 1.5% tax burden, I will still be liable to pay about \$6000 a year.
 - That's more than X6 average ND residents' taxpayers.
 - Once the bill becomes law, more people will follow suit.

With this, I would add my voice to the ND State Governor, Rep Headland, and the ND House in supporting this bill.