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GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER
SB 2214
Senate Industry & Business Committee
Chairman Doug Larsen
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Andrea Pfennig with the Greater North Dakota Chamber. GNDC is North Dakota's largest statewide business advocacy organization, with membership represented by small and large businesses, local chambers, and trade and industry associations across the state. We stand in **opposition** of Senate Bill 2214.

SB 2214 would exclude athletes participating in a contact sport from WSI. It is important to our members that we maintain North Dakota's current workers compensation and unemployment insurance programs to meet business needs.

We feel that WSI works well. One of the factors that makes the system strong is the number of businesses that participate. Our concern is that this proposed exclusion would weaken the system and impact other employers in North Dakota. Additionally, if this exclusion is granted, other industries may also request exemptions, which would further weaken the system.

We urge a Do Not Pass recommendation on SB 2214.

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