

March 26, 2023
HB 1296

Sen. Diane Larson, Chair
ND Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Sen. Larson and Members of the Committee

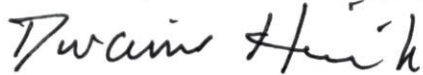
I am writing today as Mayor of Jamestown in opposition to HB 1296. Many of us should have perhaps gotten involved earlier in opposition to this Bill. To be honest I thought it was just a bad idea perhaps introduced as a favor to large gaming interests with no ability to gain traction. I was wrong.

To take away from local government the authority to determine who can operate gaming in our communities and put it in the hands of gaming interests at the expense of our local small charities and the support that they provide in our communities is simply a bad idea and should be handled as such.

There is no upside to this proposal. We have a system which is not broken, so there is no need to fix it.

I urge the committee to give this **Bad Bill a Do Not Pass** recommendation.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dwaine Heinrich".

Dwaine Heinrich, Mayor City of Jamestown, ND