



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY

SB 2304 - Support if Amended

Hello Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

My name is Robin Nelson, I submit this testimony sharing my support for [SB 2304](#) if it were to be amended.

I reside in District 41, and I serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley in Fargo. Ours is a non-profit organization that operates 12 licensed child care sites in which we serve approximately 600 school-age youth every day.

Our Boys & Girls Club operates charitable gaming in two sites, Fargo Billiards & Gastropub and The Work Zone. These funds have helped keep the cost of the child care we offer at least 25% lower than similar providers in Fargo, and free for our Teen Club.

I greatly appreciate the intent of the bill sponsors to clarify what is defined as an “Alcoholic beverage establishment”; however, *I ask that the phrase “and patrons must be twenty-one years of age or older to enter” be struck from page one, lines 13-14.*

Fargo Billiards & Gastropub allows children on the premises, but the gaming section is separated from the family areas. This bill would eliminate a gaming site that has operated without issue for over five years if the age component remains.

I respectfully request you amend SB 2304 and support a DO PASS.