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Madam Chairman, and members of the committee, my name is Tracy Eberline. I currently live and work in the rural western North Dakota community of Killdeer. I am here today in support of Senate Bill 2336. I work for Dunn County Fair Association as the Director for the High Plains Community Center and I also work as the Charity's Gaming Manager. Dunn County Fair Association has multiple sites that utilize Charitable Gaming Funds to support and maintain the High Plains Community Center as well as assists Community residents with eligible use of charitable gaming funds that include, but are not limited to, eligible activities and organizations in Dunn, Stark, Billings, and McKenzie counties.

Dunn County Fair is a licensed charitable organization that has designated space within High Plains Community Center used for our primary purpose as office and storage space for gaming-related administration, however Dunn County Fair Association and High Plains Community Center otherwise operates within North Dakota Century Code relating to eligible uses of net proceeds. If Bill 2336 were to pass it would allow us to continue to operate undisturbed under the North Dakota Century Code as it relates to eligible uses of net proceeds.

If Senate Bill 2336 does not pass it would cause tremendous hardship in finding, funding, and maintaining a separate space designated to operate gaming from. Finding separate Office space in a small community of Killdeer has been a challenging task. We have tried to inquire about purchasing or renting property to operate gaming out of that would be separate from our current location. Currently, there is no suitable retail office space available for rent or lease. Acquiring this property would cost approximately \$100,000. Despite our efforts, we have been unsuccessful at attempting to find an alternate space to purchase. We have discussed possibly building to suit, but this would most likely cost significantly more.

One hundred percent of the efforts of the Dunn County Fair Association and the High Plains Community Center go to the betterment of the Community. Having to divert funds from the purpose we strive for, just to have a separate space for gaming operations not only creates financial hardship but takes funds away from our community driven purpose.

Madam chair, committee members, I urge you to support a Do Pass recommendation on Senate Bill 2336. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Tracy Eberline
Director/Gaming Manager