

Committee and Legislatures:

My Name is Jewell Hamilton and I live in Minot ND District 3. I am writing to vehemently oppose HB 1508. HB 1508 was created to intentionally financially cap the ability of the State Auditor, an elected official by the People of North Dakota, to prevent the Auditor's office from doing their due diligence in holding North Dakota entities and agencies accountable for the expenditures of tax payer dollars and to ensure these entities and agencies are being and continue to be good Stewards with expenditures that are utilizing North Dakota Citizens tax dollars.

I find It ironic that HB 1508 was submitted to Committee around the same time the Williston School District Audit was completed. An Audit that found disturbing financial inconsistencies and possible misuse of taxpayer dollars.

I also am writing to vehemently oppose the amendment to HB 1508 that would allow the Governor of North Dakota to APPOINT a special State Auditor to Audit the Auditor's office. This gives the Governor's office power he has no constitutional right to have. Any position that determines the expenditures of the North Dakota tax dollars and any position that holds accountable how the expenditures of North Dakota tax dollars are utilized and to ensure that North Dakota State law is being adhered to by entities and agencies spending North Dakota tax dollars are to be voted on by the people.

Thank You

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