

**TESTIMONY OPPOSED TO SB 2303
PRESENTED BY JAMES SCHMIDT
MEMBER OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE BUILDING CODE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman K. Roers and Members of the State and Local Government Committee:

I'm James Schmidt as a member of the North Dakota State Building Code Advisory Committee I believe this bill is unnecessary.

Our state building code committee is made up of experts in the field of construction and if this committee would have thought it necessary to install basements above the water table, they would have implemented that in building construction codes years ago so let the committee keep on administering the building code requirements. A drain tile system should always be installed where ground water is questionable but in a lot of cases the homeowner has the option whether to spend the money on a tile system or not.

If the local jurisdiction believes it is necessary they should ask the developer or contractor to provide the appropriate engineering reports to show the basement can withstand the hydrostatic pressures as well as showing how the system will dispel any unwanted moisture away from the structure. The engineer's evaluation would point out any deficiencies and propose actions to correct the deficiencies.

I therefore urge a do not pass vote on SB 2303.