

Dear Representative(s),

The Valley Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club was established in 1994 to promote safe snowmobiling in the north east corner of the state. For the past 31 years we have maintained a single gaming site in Oakwood to produce revenue to further that cause. Our funds contribute to maintaining trails and equipment on the ND trail system after the state funds for the year have been exhausted. In addition to providing a safe riding trail system, our efforts assist in promoting ND tourism during the winter months.

The remaining monies from our gaming income are donated in and around the communities surrounding Oakwood/Grafton. None of our funds provide a direct benefit to our officers and members. Annual donations include but are not limited to the following:

- 5 Annual Scholarships to seniors in the Grafton High School
- Provide funding for youth sports around the area including hockey, basketball, baseball, football, softball, wrestling, archery, and trap shooting
- Support various local youth school organizations to assist with expenses.
- We have supported and continue to support many organizations around the area such as the Heritage Village, Fair Oaks, Life Skills Center, Imagination Library, Kiwana's Backpack Program, and Walsh County Food Pantry.

We have also made numerous donations to other charities in the region.

Removing the public-spirited organization definition for snowmobile clubs for designation as a non-profit would have an extremely detrimental impact on the Oakwood/Grafton Community as a whole. Many local causes depend on our annual donations derived from our gaming site activities.

This letter is to respectfully request that you Do Not support **SB 2035 – relating to the definitions of an educational organization and public-spirited organization** that has recently been submitted to your Committee.

Respectfully,
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