

SB2035 and the subject matter involved was unknown to many of us until we read about testimony provided on the Senate side, which was included in a ND Monitor article <https://northdakotamonitor.com/2025/01/13/north-dakota-lawmakers-work-to-refine-which-groups-can-conduct-charitable-gambling/>

Upon reading the article, it became clear that the curling clubs and snowmobile clubs in our NE region of ND would be placed in jeopardy if the proposed charitable gaming changes would become law.

Please consider the following points when this bill is before your committee.

- 1) The fiscal note attached to the bill makes it clear this change **will do nothing to limit the availability of gaming in ND.** The fiscal note asserts that other entities will fill the void.
- 2) Both curling and snowmobile clubs use their gaming funds to maintain their recreation facilities which are open to the public. The curling clubs host K-12 phy-ed programs, youth curling, family curling events, special community events and all are accessible to the public. Snowmobile trails maintained by clubs provide for safe snowmobiling for the public.
- 3) Excess gaming revenues not used on facility maintenance are passed on to other community non-profit and charitable organizations and scholarships.
- 4) In a state where curling is the recognized "State Sport", we shouldn't be harming their existence, especially in rural small towns where resources are limited.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.