

Written Testimony of Tom Halcrow

In opposition to SB 2035

My name is Tom Halcrow, I am a curler, a curling instructor for both youth and adults and board member on both the Drayton Gaming and Drayton Curling Club boards. I am writing this testimony in opposition to SB 2035 as it is currently written.

Drayton is a small community (750 residents) not unlike any other small, rural community in North Dakota. We have a yearly city festival, football games, baseball games in the park, golf tournaments, swimming at the city pool and various other community involved and public-spirited events. That sounds to me like nice, small town North Dakota life. That's the life that I grew up with and that's the life I intend to continue to provide for the youth of today and tomorrow. Drayton Gaming has made all of those past times possible and many more through generous donations since 1986; over \$1,000,000 to be exact. Whether it be funding for the city pool and park, donations to the volunteer ambulance and fire department or monetary gifts to the school and scholarships; Drayton Gaming has had a hand in keeping rural North Dakota life great for nearly 30 years.

Our city isn't the only community receiving funding from Drayton Gaming. Pembina County as a whole benefit from requests for funding from Drayton Gaming; from the "Backpacks for Kids Program" to a renovated HVAC system in the Pembina County Nursing Home; the funds generated by gaming have had a positive effect on all ages and in all surrounding communities.

I am obligated, as a participant in the state sport (curling), lifelong North Dakota citizen, a member of North Dakota's oldest Curling Club and steward of funds generated by gaming to request that SB2035 be amended to include curling clubs and snowmobile clubs. Both of these types of clubs are community run and family involved requiring funding from gaming to ensure a future for all. Those of us representing our respected clubs and gaming institutions are very diligent to return funds to our surrounding community's needs.



Thank you for your time and consideration,

Promoting the lifetime sport of curling with an open-door policy to all,

Sincerely,

Tom Halcrow

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 **Caitlin Hoff** is with **Rachel Workin** and **Kalvin Hoff**.
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Dakota Territory U14 State Curling in Drayton this past weekend! Team Hoff ended as co-runners up! All the teams played tough and Drayton Curling Club was a fantastic host! Thanks to Rachel Workin for being a great coach!



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Our U14 boys team finished out their first bonspiel in Drayton this morning. Can't wait to see how they do in Devil's Lake with their High School state team.

Nice work Team Bale - you represented Minot well. Thank you Drayton Curling Club for being wonderful hosts! It takes a village.



