

Dear Representative,

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 that excludes snowmobile clubs from this description.

The Turtle River Rough Riders' Snowmobile Club was established in 1969 to promote safe snowmobile trails. For the past seventeen years we have maintained a single gaming site in Manvel to produce revenue to further that cause. Our funds contribute to maintaining trails 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.

Remaining monies from our gaming income are donated in and around the Manvel Community. ***None of our funds provide a direct benefit to our officers and members.*** Annual donations include the following:

Manvel School Wolfridge Fund and Playground Equipment Fund, Manvel Parks, Jason Stadstad Youth Boosters, Manvel Fire Department, Manvel Historical Society Museum, the Manvel American Legion and SAL, and the Manvel Community Center.

We have also made numerous donations to other charities in the region including the Sunshine House and the Veterans Memorial Park in Grand Forks.

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

Thank you for your consideration to this issue.

Respectfully,

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