

Dear Representative,

The Valley Snowdrifters was established in 1994 to promote safe snowmobile trails for our youth and to provide a recreational sport for all ages to enjoy. Our trails are open to the public and provide safe recreational sport for many young people to enjoy. I grew up driving snowmobiles with friends and our warming house was always a great destination in the past and still is today. Our warming house has provided a warm place for kids of all ages as you can see in the attached pictures.

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 on the ND trail system after the state funds for the year have been exhausted. In addition to providing a safe riding trail system, generating funds to keep our warming house open along with our efforts to assist in promoting ND tourism during the winter months.

The Valley Snowdrifters along with maintaining trails and warming houses has donated to many causes around the communities surrounding Oakwood/Grafton. None of our funds provide a direct benefit to our officers and members. Over the past year and a half, we have donated \$40,000 back into our community. Most of these charities have a direct impact on the youth as it has always been our primary focus to help support the local community.

This also includes a youth snowmobile giveaway in which we had 200+ kids show up to drive it with a chance to win it. This was a very exciting event for the younger generation. There are two pictures attached.

We have for the past 20 plus years granted 5 Annual Scholarships to seniors at Grafton High School. We have provided funding to youth sports including hockey, basketball, baseball, softball, wrestling, archery, and trap shooting to name a few. Help support various local youth school organizations to assist with expenses such as the robotics team.

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, Walsh County Food Pantry.

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

I am writing in opposition to this bill as 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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