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Chairman Headland and the Tax & Finance Committee,

My name is Steve Vetter, I represent district 18, eastern part of Grand Forks along the Red River. It has a little rural area going as far north as Manvel, ND.

This bill seeks to end sales tax on used clothing. That would mean no tax on clothing in thrift stores including for profit and non profit.

4 states have no tax on clothing. Montana, Delaware NH & OR
8 states have no tax on clothing but have exceptions to the rule.
MN,AL,NY,NJ,PA,MA,VT,RI

2 states have no tax on clothing on Holidays. LA, MISS

4 states exempt sales tax on clothing sold to nonprofits (this bill exempts sales tax for profit and non-profit stores selling used clothing.)

18 states have some type of exemption of clothing

For example, one exception state, Minnesota, taxes pet clothing.

However, this bill is not exempting sales tax on all clothing just used clothes. These clothes have already been taxed once before. The people buying used clothing are trying to get a lower cost for their clothing. Over the last few years, inflation has taken its toll on North Dakotans especially our seniors on a fixed income and our populations with lower incomes. This bill helps them with one of the basic necessities of life, clothing.

I would ask you for your consideration for a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1428

