

## **Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 1465**

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Chairman Headland and honorable members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action would like to testify in Opposition to House Bill 1465 and respectfully request that you would render a "DO NOT PASS" on this bill.

Our organization is opposed to gaming in its many forms due to the cost particularly on the people who have problem gambling disorders because of it. While we appreciate the fact that this bill doesn't directly affect the gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund, we still believe that taxes on revenue gained from any sort of gaming need to be strong.

Based on the fiscal note attached to this bill, the state will potentially lose \$1,620,575 per year that it currently receives. We believe the state ought to keep this revenue to use for our citizens in various ways to create a net positive out of the negative costs of gaming. For this reason, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action respectfully requests that you render a "DO NOT PASS" on House Bill 1465.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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