

HB 1276
Testimony in favor.

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee.

I am writing to you to respectfully request a Do Pass recommendation from this committee on House Bill 1276.

I have been involved in party politics here in North Dakota since 2012, and during that time I have donated quite a bit of time and money to both district and statewide candidates and parties. While I am not normally a gambler, the one thing that I will pull out my checkbook for is a good gun raffle. Of course, I've never actually won anything, but I have been glad to support a good cause. Many district political parties hold annual Gun Raffles as one of their largest sources of funds, including District 8 in which I reside.

House Bill 1276 would guarantee that local political candidates, local political PACs, and local political parties could continue raising funds through raffles as they have been doing for many years. The reason this particular bill is important right now is the fact that Senate Bill 2035 would potentially remove Political organizations from the definition of "Public-spirited organization". SB2035 has already passed the ND Senate this session.

I respectfully request your support of local political parties, and their continued use of a very effective fundraiser which they have been able to use for many years. Please vote for a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Sincerely,

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