

## Request for Amendment Time for HB 1603

Good morning Chairman Schauer and members of the House Veterans and Government Affairs Committee,

For the record, my name is Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille, I represent House District 4A, which includes the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. I am here to request additional time to amend House Bill 1603.

The MHA Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is currently out due to illness, and they have critical input regarding this bill. Specifically, the MHA THPO is seeking amendments to ensure the proper repatriation of historical artifacts and remains of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara people.

I respectfully ask for the opportunity to provide these necessary amendments to HB 1603. These amendments will set provisions that are crucial for the preservation and repatriation of our lost ancestors and artifacts, and honoring the cultural integrity of our people. I also want to express my gratitude to Representative Brown and the co-sponsors for their efforts in advancing this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration and support.