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Regarding House Bill No. 1150

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To the members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

I urge a strong NO vote on this bill. I was so happy when the ND Blue Laws were finally removed; this feels like a big slap in the face to those that passed the bill to end the old Blue Laws. Why should the State force a business to remain closed until noon on Sunday? Businesses should be free to operate during the hours that make the most sense to them. It isn't fair to those who have their Sabbath on Saturday or those who don't practice any religion to not be allowed to conduct their shopping on Sunday morning. There are many businesses that choose to remain closed on Sunday, I support their right to do so but it's not the States job to force all businesses to do the same. As someone who has a working student in the house, not allowing business to be open before noon on Sunday will put a financial hardship on students. Due to class schedules many students rely on those Sunday morning hours to help them afford gas, food, car payments, clothes, phone, insurance...

Again, I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 1150. I believe there are more important things that you should be working on instead of taking away the freedom to shop on Sunday morning. Besides, what sense does it make that a person can buy alcohol until 2 am but can't buy a pair of jeans after 12 midnight.

Sincerely,
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