



House Industry Business and Labor  
Chair and Committee Members

HB 1150 Oppose

The Downtown Business Association of Bismarck represents over 200 members with 9,000 employees in North Dakota's second largest employment district.

Our board of directors strongly recommends a DO NOT PASS recommendation and are in opposition to HB 1150, restricting business' right to operate on Sundays before noon. Small local businesses are already facing a number of issues to stay operating and leveraging times and days that customers can support them is paramount. Our businesses also have hundreds of shift workers that don't work a weekday 9-5 schedule, particularly medical staff in our health and medical district, and emergency service workers. Our community continues to also shift taxes from property to sales tax, a sales tax which is also supporting our police, fire, 911 and transit services. Businesses are paying more in sales tax to support the community, and to consider reducing the hours of operation is not only detrimental to the business community, but the community as a whole.

We strongly encourage your DO NOT PASS recommendation on HB 1150 and encourage opposition to this bill at all levels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Herzog".

Kate Herzog, COO  
Chief Operating Officer  
Downtown Business Association of Bismarck

President  
Downtown Bismarck Community Foundation