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To: North Dakota Legislature-69th Legislative Session, Industry, Business, & Labor Committee
From: Travis Bateman

Re: OPPOSITION to HB 1150

Chairman Warrey and members of the committee,

Greetings,

I sent this written testimony to you in opposition to HB 1150.

The "Blue Laws" were repealed in 2019 and brought North Dakota into the new century. This is one bill of several this session where it appears that some of our elected officials wish to override the will of the majority and utilize public officer to sequester what was already asked for and decided upon. And not very long ago at that.

If a business wants to be open at their regular hours on a Sunday, that is THEIR CHOICE.

If a business wants to be closed during regular hours and open later or be closed for the entirety of the day, that is THEIR CHOICE.

We do not need the state legislature to decide this or dictate when someone can go grocery shopping, get vehicle parts as they work on their car at home on their day off, or any other business that would be negatively impacted if this otherwise asinine law were to be reinstated.

Let us, the people, decide what we want to do on or with our Sundays.

Let the business owners decide how they want to operate on Sundays.

Let the legislative decision set in 2019 stand.

And while we are at it, let's tell Walmart and the other stores that were open 24/7 before COVID that we want them to be back open 24/7! Not everyone works a Monday-Friday 9-5 job.

Please give HB 1150 a DO NOT PASS.

Thank you,

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