

## Coalition Letter of Opposition - HB 1150

Wednesday, January 15th, 2025

Chairman Warrey and Members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee,

On behalf of the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, and the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong opposition to House Bill 1150. This bill, proposing significant restrictive Sunday closing laws, would harm businesses, limit consumer choice, and undermine economic growth in our region.

We believe that this bill, if enacted, would have a negative impact on our local economy, workforce, and overall quality of life. We represent a diverse range of businesses that rely on the flexibility to operate seven days a week to meet the needs of our customers and employees. HB 1150's proposed restrictions on Sunday sales would create unnecessary barriers for businesses and consumers alike.

The bill's extensive list of prohibited items, from clothing and appliances to sporting goods and electronics, would severely limit consumer choice and force many residents to shop across state lines or online, taking revenue away from North Dakota businesses. Additionally, this bill's restrictions would cause employees to lose valuable work hours and earning potential.

HB 1150 causes an undue burden on business by dictating how they should operate, and infringes upon the freedom of individuals to choose how they spend their Sundays. We, the undersigned organizations, along with the FMWF Chamber, urge you to oppose HB 1150. We respectfully urge you to instead consider policies that promote economic vitality and respect the needs of North Dakota's businesses and residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, and the undersigned organizations and individuals:

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