

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

My name is Jaye Sandstrom, New Town, ND 58763.

I stand opposed to HB 1191 for the most elementary of reasons. For one, I do not believe that a free-market society such as ours needs interference and in this case, more interference with business and entrepreneurship from the state government. Good intentions on the part of government always turn into a conundrum and I doubt very much this will be any difference. In a state economy such as existing in North Dakota, what is needed is less government intervention. Government needs downsizing, not upsizing. Our state has more institutions of higher education per capita than most so it seems that these institutions should be turning out the trained entrepreneurs to go about life without the waste of yet another addition to government bureaucracy and outlet for more grants paid for by the taxpayer. The proposed half million-dollar budget would sit well better left in the pockets of the taxpayer.

I encourage you to DO NOT PASS HB 1191 recommendation and further ask that you consider all action to reduce the size and waste of the Commerce Department as a whole.

Thank you for your time.