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Dear Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1192, which addresses the limitation on the value of a primary prize (and total of prizes) a permitted organization conducting a raffle may award. This legislation is an important step toward supporting charitable organizations, fostering community engagement, and updating gaming laws to reflect current needs and opportunities.

Our Club manages one major fundraiser per year, supporting both the local Rural Fire District and the Community Club in Minnewaukan. By raising or removing restrictive prize value limitations, this bill will enable our organization to offer more substantial prize incentives, increasing participation in this community event, as well as many like ours around the state. This, in turn, will help generate more funds for the vital programs and services we provide to citizens in and around Minnewaukan. Many organizations, including ours, depend on monies raised from these events to support causes such as youth programs, education, and other community-building events.

In addition, updating these limitations aligns with economic realities and the consistent increasing costs associated with organizing such events. It also places North Dakota on par with neighboring states, making it more competitive and attractive for participants and organizations alike.

Passage of House Bill 1192 will strengthen the ability of permitted organizations to accomplish their missions while continuing to comply with state regulations. I respectfully urge you and your colleagues to support this bill and help us and similar organizations thrive in our state.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Linda Koth
President- Minnewaukan Community Club