

WAHPETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

920 3rd Avenue North • Wahpeton, ND 58075 • Phone: 701.642.7722 • Fax 701.642.7842



Chairman Klemin and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I, Chief Matthew Anderson, representing the Wahpeton Police Department, am submitting testimony in favor of SB 2128 and in support of Truth in Sentencing in North Dakota.

I get asked far too often by victims and citizens the question of why the offender is already out or why the offender didn't get any prison time. This is happening in our community and every other community around North Dakota.

SB 2128 addresses those issues head on by requiring those individuals found guilty by a Judge or jury to serve 50% of their imposed sentence prior to being eligible for parole. If a qualified parole board finds the inmate not fit for parole, that inmate serves 85% of their sentence.

SB 2128 allows offenders to participate in education, work, rehabilitation and treatment programs on site and under the direction of DOCR.

SB 2128 changes the way good time and meritorious sentence reductions are applied.

SB 2128 addresses release programs and holds inmates accountable to the public.

SB 2128 addresses acts of violence against law enforcement officers and holds the individual accountable with consecutive sentencing instead of concurrent sentences.

SB 2128 more importantly addresses the glaring issue of inmates released from prison after serving a fraction of their sentence for the most violent crimes committed against our citizens. SB 2128 addresses Truth in Sentencing and holds those found guilty accountable for their actions.

I respectfully ask for a Do Pass.

Thank you,



Chief Matthew Anderson