

# North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association

February 6, 2025

**To:** House Energy & Natural Resources Committee  
Hon. Chairman Porter  
Hon. Vice-Chairs Anderson and Novak  
Members of the Committee

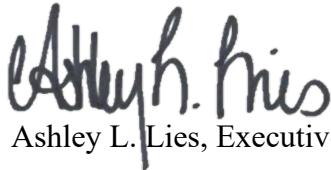
**RE: House Bill No. 1350**

Chairman Porter, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Novak, and Members of the House Energy & Natural Resources Committee:

The North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association (NDSAA) is submitting this letter requesting a **DO NOT PASS** to House Bill 1350.

The additions to subsection 1 of N.D.C.C. § 62.1-01-01 to state that a "dangerous weapon" does not include "an item used for the purposes of carrying out a business, trade, or profession" is too vague and subject to misuse. What is to prevent someone from saying they are a professional ninja and carrying around throwing stars? Or saying their trade is X therefore it is reasonable they are wearing brass knuckles? We aren't sure of the best way to limit this misuse, possibly by saying "legitimate or registered business, trade, or profession," but how it is written right now is ripe for misuse and misinterpretation.

On behalf of the North Dakota State's Attorneys:



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