

March 13, 2025

I am writing in opposition of SB 2069

I am the owner/publisher of The Gleaner newspaper in Northwood, ND. Mine is the official newspaper of Northwood Public School, City of Northwood, Hatton Eielson Public School, City of Larimore, Larimore Public School, and Emerado Public School, who all place their legal notices in The Gleaner. The Gleaner is an integral part of our community and the surrounding communities.

I take the responsibility of keeping citizens informed seriously, including a timely publication of all notices. I have not missed a publication in my 20+ years.

Voters have overwhelmingly voted to publish notices and minutes in the newspaper. They appreciate the transparency and the ability to keep up with the goings on. Our readers and communities want to see the notices in newspaper, not on government websites.

I publish The Gleaner weekly. I also uploads each edition to ndpublicnotices.com, for free, for nonsubscribers to find notices, an archive for myself, and an appropriate backstop for web publication of notices.

Thank you for your consideration of a vote no.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Beth Johnson