



Written Testimony for the House Political Subdivisions

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RE: Opposition for SB 2069

Good afternoon, Chairman and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Kelsey Majeske, and I serve as the Publisher for the 10 community newspapers across North Dakota. As a community newspaper we take public notices very seriously and I firmly believe that printed notices in the newspaper that cannot be altered is the most effective and reliable way to inform the public; while an online backstop is a nice failsafe, that is all an online database should be. It is our experience that in our small communities' people prefer to read the notices in their weekly papers as notices come up rather than putting in the effort to dig for the notice online.

We have successfully been participating in the ndpublicnotices.com website and strongly feel this is the best option for an online backstop as it is already established and easily searchable for the public when the need arises. Muddying the waters with a second site that would require funding and labor time would be redundant when a site and process that another entity takes responsibility for is already in place.

Thank you for your consideration of a NO vote on SB 2069.

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