



TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2378
Senate Agriculture & Veterans Affairs Committee
Feb. 13, 2025

City Council
City of Grand Forks, ND

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Dana Sande, and I am the President of the Grand Forks City Council. I'm providing this testimony on SB 2378 on behalf of the Grand Forks City Council.

On Monday, February 10th the Grand Forks City Council voted 6-0 to oppose or amend the original version of this bill.

As a City Council we clearly support the Grand Forks Air Force Base. We support the concept of Military Impact Zones and the idea of a Military Compatibility Commission.

Our concern is regarding the size of the Military Impact Zone.

As the bill is originally written, the size of the Military Impact Zone around the Grand Forks Air Force Base would be 25 miles. That is an extremely large area that will impact all land use decisions in the City of Grand Forks and the 2-mile ET zone around the City.

The City would support an amendment that would exclude the City of Grand Forks and our 2-mile ET zone from the Military Impact Zone.

Do we support the Grand Forks Air Force Base and their current and future missions... YES. Do we support creating a plan so potential encroachment on the base is addressed... YES. If the legislature can amend and fine tune the issues addressed in this testimony, can we support this bill... YES.

Respectfully
Grand Forks City Council