



Benefiting North Dakota Communities through Charitable Gaming

Testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 2205

Madam Chair Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Gaming Alliance and on behalf of the 178 Members of the NDGA, we offer our support for Senate Bill 2205.

The NDGA has long supported using gaming tax proceeds to properly administer and regulate the industry including addressing gambling disorder needs. Rather than resort to biennial, one-time funding requests, we support a regular stream into these programs, whatever that amount may be needed. We also encourage the Legislative Assembly to require regular reports from the program, to ensure funds are utilized to benefit the most individuals.

We believe there is more than enough revenue from gaming-generated taxes and contributions to support a comprehensive gaming addiction and treatment program in North Dakota, run by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The North Dakota Gaming Alliance urges a DO PASS on SB 2205.