

I am Rick Brandvold, president of the ND Brewers Guild and co-founder of Icewind Brewing in Mapleton, ND. I'm advocating for the ability of North Dakota taprooms to participate in charitable gaming and support SB 2334.

Here's why:

- Breweries are already deeply involved in their local communities. They frequently host events, support local causes, and partner with other small businesses; charitable gaming is another tool in these efforts.
- Breweries champion the "local" movement. They source ingredients locally, hire local residents, and create unique spaces for community members to gather. Allowing them to continue participating in charitable gaming reinforces this commitment to localism, and taking it away weakens that connection.

There are nine licensed taprooms in North Dakota. From a common sense standpoint, a taproom is an alcohol beverage establishment, and it should be included in that definition to be a charitable gaming site.

We would appreciate a DO PASS recommendation on SB 2334