

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2376
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Mike Fridolfs and I represent Ward 5 on the Grand Forks City Council. I'm providing this testimony in support of SB 2376.

On Monday, February 3rd we on the Grand Forks City Council approved a Letter of Intent to work with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa on a proposed casino and resort to be located just South of the City of Grand Forks along I-29.

As a City Council member I understand that this Letter of Intent is only the first of many steps that the City of Grand Forks will need to take to help make this project happen.

We also know that there are still many unknown answers to questions on what this development looks like for both the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and the City of Grand Forks.

As a City Council member, I would like to continue to work to get answers to some of those questions.

The answer to one of the many questions is addressed in SB 2376 which would allow the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa to operate tribal gaming in Grand Forks County.

On behalf of the Grand Forks City Council I support a DO PASS on HB 2376.

Respectfully
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