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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

My Name is Lonnie Bertch, I am the Charitable Gaming Manager for Abate of North Dakota. I am not able to attend the meeting today in person due to another commitment.

I am strongly opposed to senate bill 2384. It is my understanding that one of the reasons that the Manufacturers are giving to bypass ND Distributors, is Service. I can list a number of reasons this bill should not pass but I want to focus on service. When I need service on the Electronic E Tabs or other gaming equipment in my site, I contact the distributor. The distributor I use is a local ND business and can generally be at the site within a very short time. When I have had to contact the Manufacturers directly, I have had much slower service. The distributor is at the site monthly providing preventive service by keeping the machines clean and in good working order. These Distributors are North Dakota companies, they are our business partners and I respectfully request you oppose SB 2384.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Bertsch
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