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Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I am Jeremy Olson, State Representative, District 26, representing most of McKenzie and Dunn Counties. I am the prime sponsor for HB 1094 as part of the Military and Veteran's Caucus goal of enhancing the benefits and quality of life for our active-duty members and veterans in North Dakota. The goal of HB 1094 is to increase the availability of special allocation big game tags to a wider variety of charitable organizations, including veteran organizations.

Currently, the only charitable organizations that are eligible for a special allocation hunting license are 501(c)(3). This bill would change it from just 501(c)(3) and include 501(c)(19) types of charitable organizations. This would open the opportunity up to veteran charitable organizations, which are 501(c)(19). This will not have any immediate impact on the current number of special allocation hunting licenses, the available tags will remain the same. This change will allow these other organizations the opportunity to apply for the licenses to benefit its charitable efforts and it will be a more competitive process. One other change made in the House Energy and Natural Resources committee was to increase from 10% to 20%, how much the charitable organization agrees to contribute of the net proceeds to conservation-related projects. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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