

SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Testimony in favor of SB 2245

Chairman Patten and members of the Committee:

My name is Nick Surma, and I am a resident of Lincoln, North Dakota. I submit this testimony in support of SB 2245. I have been an avid waterfowl hunter since my dad introduced me to the sport when I was 10 years old. I support SB 2245 because it will provide increased waterfowl hunting opportunities. Having the ability to hunt from a boat with a motor would increase the ability to hunt diving ducks on lakes and other large bodies of water. At the same time, by requiring that the motor be turned off and the watercraft at rest, the bill ensures that the watercraft cannot be used to abuse resting waterfowl. Overall, SB 2245 increases hunting opportunities while having little to no impact on waterfowl.

Thank you for considering my testimony and your efforts on SB 2245.