

# North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association

January 27, 2025

**To:** Senate Workforce Development Committee  
Hon. Chairman Wobbema  
Hon. Vice-Chair Axtman  
Members of the Committee

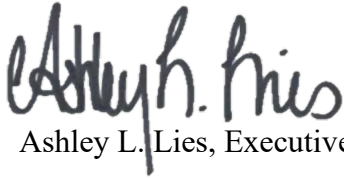
**RE: Senate Bill No. 2211**

Chairman Wobbema, Vice-Chair Axtman, and Members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee:

The North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association (NDSAA) is submitting this letter requesting a **DO PASS** to Senate Bill 2211, while bringing up one concern with it as currently presented.

While we absolutely support the recruitment and retention of attorneys in rural counties, we understand that as currently operated, the rural attorney recruitment program does not apply to elected or appointed state's attorneys. We are not sure if that was intentional by the legislator as there is no indication that there was, but at least one of our rural attorneys who sought to apply for this program was denied as they were an appointed state's attorney. If your intent is to disqualify us, we would appreciate that discussion be had as to why and that any such ban be provided in the text of the statute so our prosecutors aren't surprised when they try to apply.

On behalf of the North Dakota State's Attorneys:



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