

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING

HARVEST ROOM

10 JANUARY 2012

Chairman David Nething, Committee Members

My name is Marvin Knutson, I am the bookkeeper for the Bison Booster Club of Milnor, ND.

I am here today, with the approval of my Board of Directors, as a representative of our club.

We are currently in our 14<sup>th</sup> year of business. Our business involves operating pull tab dispensing devices, of which we currently have at 3 different sights. Our business has had gross sales of \$800,000 annually in past years, but we currently are at about \$500,000 annually. The years of 2007-2010 were when we saw the decline of our sales. Some facts compiled from these years are: director's expenses averaged 2.64%, salaries averaged 12.44%, and donations averaged 38.82% of the gross profit. We have donated approximately \$740,000 for requests received during our years in business.

The first line of our mission statement in our Articles of Incorporation says, "The Milnor Bison Booster Club is organized to help support student activities in the community and school".

We donate to the school and students and then to the rest of the community as money is available.

We operate, and file taxes, under the IRS rules for the 501 C 3 non-profit corporations. We are not sure of the origin of, or the definition of the category "Public Spirited", but we feel very sure that we qualify as a nonprofit organization, and we operate under the rules of gaming to the best of our ability, therefore we would be very disappointed if a decision is made to not let us continue in business.

Thank you for allowing me time on your agenda. If you have any questions, I will try to answer them.