

Dear NDCA Member,

SB 2218 allows the North Dakota state legislature to convene annually rather than every two years.

Isn't this against our principles of limited government?

Biennial sessions were one of many forms of placing constraints on the creation of new laws, based upon the assumption that only one branch of government creates laws. This reasoning no longer holds, and as such biennial sessions inhibit the ability of North Dakotas lawmaking body to react to the overreach we see in the Executive and Judicial branches of government.

We see that:

Freedom of speech is threatened.

The second amendment is threatened.

Executives and Judiciaries at all levels and in both parties have shown a propensity to use emergencies to exert and hold power upon the lives of citizens.

States hold a very special status in the framework of the United States of America. States are special in the way that the Federal, County, and City governments are not. It is appropriate for conservative North Dakotans to look to our state legislature as our primary means of stepping forward to blunt the advancement of tyranny at the federal, state, and local level.

North Dakota needs a response to the overreach of the executive branch and runaway city and county subdivisions. One of our most valuable tools at this point in time is our state legislators and therefore, it is imperative that we allow them to convene on behalf of citizens more than every two years.