

My name is Max Blosser and I am a resident of Grand Forks, ND. I urge you to issue a “Do Pass” on HB1440. This commonsense legislation will help countless renters throughout North Dakota maintain housing stability as it will help ensure less late fees and evictions take place. This legislation in turn will keep more North Dakotans from becoming homeless. Between both the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact on the working people of our state, compounding late fees will serve to take more of our residents out of stable housing situations and into more financial ruin. Renters with housing vouchers, for instance, will lose their voucher status if they become evicted for outstanding rent when their payments go to their late fees instead. During a global pandemic, North Dakota needs to do everything we can to keep our residents housed – and this legislation will help renters stay current with their rent and in their homes.