

Chairman Klemin and member of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify against HB 1270. My name is Tommy Kenville and I am majority owner of Isight Drone Services with offices in Watford City, Fargo and Grand Forks that employs 23 people to date and growing. North Dakota is a world leader in the drone industry as well as many other tech industries. As I review this bill, it seems similar to bill that have been defeated the last three or four sessions. I am against this bill as it is skirting around the privacy issues without saying that and will negatively affect many tech industries including the drone industry which our state has invested heavily in the past 10 years. The drone industry has created south of 1000 jobs around the state in the last 10 years, these jobs are high paying and high tech.

Our federal and state government already have rules in place that protects ND citizens. We have our personal rights protected and this type of bill would only create more red tape.

Everyone is concerned about personal rights and I am as well, I believe privacy has been gone for many years and it is good people do good things and bad people do bad things regardless of rules.

Please accept this testimony from a North Dakota entrepreneur who is creating jobs around the state in technology and cannot continue to do so if laws like these are implemented.

Thank you for your time and for serving in public office for this great state, Please DO NOT PASS on HB 1270

Regards,

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