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Testimony to:
Political Sub Division SB2244

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Good Morning Chairman Dockter and committee members, my name is Kathryn Schimetz. I am President and Owner of Procollect Services in Minot and a member of the North Dakota Collector's Association. We have been in Business in the Minot community for the last 25 years.

I am testifying in opposition of Senate Bill 2244, for the various reasons.

1. In numerous instances consumers are picking up their papers from the sheriff's office and we are being charged the full cost for the sheriff serving the papers. Having a deputy call a consumer to pick up papers from the sheriff's office and having a deputy actually go out and serve the papers should not cost the same amount of money.
2. In some instances, being on a level playing field with other states is fine, but, in this instance, I do not believe that applies because our sheriff's deputies do not typically have to drive as far to serve papers on consumers or consumers will pick up papers at our sheriff's offices, meaning there is no mileage attached.
3. I find it extraordinarily unusual that any organization would feel that they should have an increase in their fees of 250%. I as a collection agency owner, in many instances, must decrease my rates in order to retain my clients. We are not able to increase our fees, so in order for us to stay in business we must decrease expenses or increase revenue.
4. There was no fiscal note attached explaining why this increase is needed.

I ask that you give this a Do Not Pass Recommendation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.