



Gladstone Consolidated Fire District

Box 128
Gladstone, North Dakota 58630

March 15, 2021

To: Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Re: HB 1234 – Charitable Gaming Fund

Dear Chairman Bell, and the Senate Committee Members:

The Gladstone Consolidated Fire District urges a DO NOT PASS on HB 1234

As a recipient of charitable gaming proceeds, the Gladstone Consolidated Fire District disagrees with the amended bill HB 1234. This bill was dramatically amended through the House Finance and Taxation Committee hearings.

The charities must have an adequate lead time to establish a business with the on-line betting, a one-year timeline is not a lot of time for businesses to invest especially with the cost of kiosks in the bars.

There are other points in this bill that do not benefit the local charities and therefore:

The Gladstone Consolidated Fire District urges a DO NOT PASS on HB 1234.

Sincerely,

Joe Wanner – Fire Chief

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