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OPPOSE HB1272

Good morning Chairman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Jaci Hall and I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Association for Justice. I am here today to urge a DO NOT PASS on HB1272.

HB1272 allows citizens of North Dakota to supersede federal interstate commerce laws when producing firearms. This legislation, if enacted, will provide a pathway for firearms built in the state not be subject to federal laws or regulation.

Proponents of this legislation say this is a 2nd Amendment right, that the right to bear arms is under attack. However, this bill will have undue consequences.

For example, it is unlawful for an individual convicted of domestic violence to possess a firearm. If that firearm can be proven to be put together in the state of North Dakota and remained in the state until the time of criminal charge, would HB1272 supersede the unlawful act? Would that individual be able to carry a firearm?

The United States Supreme Court has always interpreted interstate commerce very broadly. HB1272 seems to conflict with established case law and could create undue consequences.

HB1272 is unnecessary legislation created out of undue fear and concern for the what if? Our 2nd Amendment is not under attack. Please vote Do Not Pass on HB1272.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, I will be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,

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