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Mr. Chairman and members of the political subdivisions committee.

I'm introducing SB 2188 on behalf of the ND Retailers Association. They'll be stepping up after me to explain their support.

This bill is pretty straightforward, it prohibits cities and counties from restricting businesses from the sale of products that can be legally sold in the state.

The 66<sup>th</sup> legislature passed similar legislation regarding the prohibition of political subdivisions from restricting the use of auxiliary containers/plastic bags. Similarly, the last legislature passed a law restricting political subdivisions from raising the minimum wage higher than the state.

Finally, this bill is meant to avoid any confusion for our business when it comes to the sale of the products that the state has deemed legal.

I ask for a Do Pass recommendation, and I'll stand for any questions.