

As volunteers at a local fraternity club, I am strongly opposed to HB 1497. ND has a history of being supportive of charities, and we have seen this firsthand with our local Eagles club and the number of charities we have been able to support. So many charities have benefited because of the current gaming laws. However, the bill being proposed appears to be an attempt to weaken the charitable gaming industry. We question how our leaders could in good conscience allow such a bill to pass and negatively affect charities which need to be supported. In addition, charitable gaming raises millions in taxes for the state. We fail to see the benefits of this bill and strongly urge to vote against this bill.