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House Bill No 1538

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Penny Veit-Hetletved, and I am a national and international archery coach. It may seem strange that I am offering testimony to this bill. As I read the language, I wanted to take a moment to share how powerful angling competitive opportunities can be for community and youth. As a coach, I have watched how archery builds, grows, and often protects youth self-image. Competitions open up opportunities for scholarships, leadership, and overcoming. Same as hunting provides strategy. And most definitely how angling can do the same. Our North Dakota roots are deep, and I believe that we need to protect the western and outdoor heritage that our state offers and exemplifies.

Any time our state can offer opportunities that can be life long activities where multi-generational participation can occur is a win. Protecting and increasing these opportunities is imperative for communities to come together, for youth to experience, and for seasoned anglers to teach and compete.

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We as North Dakotans are only as good as the experiences and lifestyle we protect. It's a great day to be a North Dakotan, and I am in support of HB 1538.