

Date: March 9, 2023

Re: Letter in support of SB 2229

Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Brett Tinnes, located in Minot, ND. I urge you to pass SB 2229 making curling the official state sport of North Dakota. I am a member of the Minot Curling Club and have been curling for 5 years. I honestly wish I had been playing since I was a kid but luckily picked it up when I did as it is a sport you can play at any age through your entire life. It is a great sport to enjoy with family, friends, and new faces. I grew up playing every sport I could, but I do believe curling is as close to "North Dakota" as it gets. My reasons include:

- It is one of the most respected sports.
- The sport welcomes all friendly faces.
- Everyone is willing to teach and help others improve.
- It is an adaptive athlete friendly sport.
- And lastly in true North Dakota fashion, it is played in the winter and on ice

In closing, please cast your vote for a Do Pass on SB 2229. If you need any further reasoning to consider, I highly encourage you to swing by your local curling club and see just how much fun and enjoyment this sport brings to our wonderful citizens of North Dakota.

Thank you,

Brett Tinnes