## TESTIMONY HOUSE BILL 1181 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE JANUARY 20, 2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee, my name is Arik Spencer. I appear on behalf of the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA) in support of HB 1181.

This bill would allow trucking companies to move loads up to 12' wide 24 hours a day, harmonizing North Dakota with our bordering states and provinces (except South Dakota), which also currently allow 24-hour travel at 12' wide. NDMCA has long advocated harmonizing truck size and weight laws between states to increase efficiency without sacrificing safety.

Oversize loads moved at night when less traffic is on the roadway will also have a positive impact to the traveling public, reducing congestion in certain areas and minimizing truck parking needs.

This concludes my testimony. NDMCA urges a do pass on HB 1181, and I would be happy to answer any questions.