

Date: February 6<sup>th</sup>. 2023

Re: SB 2390

From: Jeff Burns

Nodak Sportsmen's Club

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman and Senators,

My name is Jeff Burns and I am the gaming manager for Nodak Sportsmen's Club. I have been in the gaming industry in North Dakota for 20 years and currently the gaming manager for a charity that has been in business for 30 years in our state. Nodak Sportsmen's Club has always been a great supporter to all of our charitable causes including numerous youth programs such as Cops and Kids, youth sports, and have helped many children and their parents with medical assistance in times of need. This is only a few of the programs that we support. However, if SB 2390 was to pass, these would be the only causes we could support.

The language in SB 2390 reads that Nodak Sportsmen's Club would have to donate 5% of its annual gross proceeds for the benefit of children. In our charity's case this would equate to 52% of our adjusted gross proceeds going directly to children's programs. Currently we are required to put 40% of our adjusted gross proceeds into our net proceeds account to be used for charitable causes. The 12% shortfall in our expenses would likely put Nodak Sportsmen's Club out of business as well as many other charities across our state.

This bill also reduces the payout on etabs to a maximum of 88%. While we currently are allowed to run 88% games they are not nearly as popular as 90% games. The players can tell the difference.

I ask for your consideration for a "**Do not pass**" on SB2390.

Thank you for your time,

Jeff Burns

Gaming Manager

Nodak Sportsmen's Club