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To: Senator Patton and Members of the North Dakota Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

As an avid angler and outdoorsman, I am writing to voice my support for your House Bill 1538.

In my opinion the financial burden the current legislation on tournaments and tournament fees has placed on tournaments that are held within our state is much too restrictive. The result has been that the major tournament organizations have chosen to hold their events in other surrounding states that have much less restrictive fee structures. The loss of tournaments in our state affects our local communities with loss of tourism revenues.

I got my interests in fishing by being able to fish with an individual that fishes these national tournaments. Because I was able to fish with this individual I have started fishing more and enjoying the lakes and rivers North Dakota has to offer. With the loss of these major tournaments, it worries me that individuals like me won't get the chance to enjoy a lifelong sport/hobby of fishing.

It is for these reasons that I overwhelmingly support Bill 1538. This Bill revising the language in the current legislation is important to the local communities in which these events are held and to the future of the sport that means so much to me personally. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

**Jack Sannes**

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