

Testimony in support of: North Dakota House Bill 1538-A Bill for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 20 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code

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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.

I am writing this to express that with the burden placed on the fishing tournaments for the conservation fee by the ND Game and fish is hindering the National tournaments to hold them in ND. I have attended these events in other states as a tourist in those states it was very evident that the local areas were happy and excited to have them held at their locations.

After seeing all the national attention placed on these tournaments with TV coverage and the impact received from the additional coverages nationally has been nothing but a great show case of what are great state has to offer. Which must be a great impact economically for are great state.

It is for these reasons that I overwhelmingly support Bill 1538.

Sincerely,

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