

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, Citizen of North Dakota
on HB1307
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1307 is excellent legislation. This legislation prohibits a political subdivision from superceding state law based on its home rule charter. I ask for a Do Pass recommendation on this bill.

I am aware of two circumstances this law would help correct. The City of Fargo passed an ordinance banning the sale of firearms in residences. They claimed this right under the home rule charter even though the North Dakota and US Constitutions both expressly acknowledge this freedom. The courts found the local ordinance unconstitutional.

The second issue is approval voting. There are aspects of the ballot used in primary elections in the City of Fargo that break **both** state law and their own city ordinance. HB1307 would assist the superior law to be followed limiting never-ending lawsuits trying to determine if state law or local law has jurisdiction. Due to past abuses, further clarity is required, and HB1307 provides that.

Please give HB1307 a Do Pass Recommendation.

Thank you,

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