



North Dakota Association of REALTORS®

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## **Testimony in Opposition of HB 1429**

Chairman Luick  
Senate Ag and Veterans Affairs  
North Dakota Senate  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Chairman Luick and Members of the Senate Ag and Veteran's Affairs Committee, for the record my name is Jill Beck and I am the CEO representing the North Dakota Association of REALTORS® (NDAR).

The North Dakota Association of REALTORS® membership is made up of more than 2,200 REALTORS® and more than 250 Business Partner members.

We are opposed to HB 1429 in its current form as drone photography is a big component in our industry. While protecting private property rights is part of our mission this bill causes us some concern. It would restrict the use of drones over homesteads, secure farmsteads, and ag operations. We are also unsure of the definition of secure farmsteads.

Drone photography is a tool in marketing for our REALTOR members and this bill would basically eliminate the use of it for this purpose. Gaining adjacent property owners permission for rural properties could be time consuming, especially with out of state homeowners or those not living on the property.

While we are opposed to this bill we would suggest that if the language on page 2, lines 5 & 6 "with the individual's consent" could be removed it would be more palatable.

We urge a DO NOT PASS on House Bill 1496.

My contact info is below if you have any further questions.

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