69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly HB 1367 March 26th, 2025 Peace Garden Room

Madame Chair, Members of the Committee:

My name is Jonathan Byers, and I am the lobbyist for the N.D. States Attorney's Association. The States Attorneys asked Representative Klemin to sponsor this legislation and ask for a do pass.

HB 1367 is primarily a clean-up bill to allow previous convictions from other states, or another court in the United States, to trigger enhanced penalties for subsequent controlled substance convictions. That language is on page one of the bill.

There is also some clarifying language on page 3 relating to drug paraphernalia that just mimics the language of the offense into the penalty language.

The ND State's Attorney's Association asks for a do pass on HB 1367.