



# NORTH DAKOTA

## *Family Alliance* LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2224

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Dear Madam Chair Larson and honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Mark Jorritsma, and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of Senate Bill 2224 and respectfully request that you render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

The relationship between the Attorney General’s Office (AG) and the ND Gaming Commission has varied over the years. From 1977, when the law authorizing charitable gaming in our state was passed, the AG has been involved in some capacity in regulating gaming, The Gaming Commission was created in 1991 and was tasked with oversight of charitable gaming enforcement. Since that time, the duties and roles played by the AG vis-à-vis the Gaming Commission have changed over the years, but both have been involved in some way in the regulating and enforcement of gaming laws in ND.

Considering the variable relationship and sets of duties of these two entities, this bill is relatively straightforward – it seeks to simplify and clarify. One of the mandates of Governor Armstrong’s administration is to shrink big government. This bill supports that goal. Further, the AG is responsible for enforcing the laws of state; the Gaming Commission is not, even if they may in some instances function in a quasi-judicial manner. So, from our perspective, the Gaming Commission seems to serve a somewhat superfluous role in the process. Assuming that the AG is sufficiently resourced, having their office directly regulate gaming in ND seems to be the more efficient and reasonable method of conducting business.

For the aforementioned reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action respectfully requests that you render a “DO PASS” on Senate Bill 2224. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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