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House Transportation Committee

Dan Ruby, Chairman and Members of the House Transportation Committee

Testimony in Support of HB 1340

Dear Chairman Ruby, Vice-Chair Grueneich, and Committee Members

I am writing to express my support for HB 1340, which amends and reenacts subsection 4 of section 39-21-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to motor vehicle window tint.

This bill changes the percentage of window tint that can be applied to the front driver and passenger windows from **fifty percent** to **thirty-five percent**. This bill also has a small grammar fix as well.

This change allows a slightly darker tint that can be applied to the front driver and passenger windows of a motor vehicle. Thirty-five percent light transmittance is a good overall percentage provides more protection from the sun and snow reflection, glare reflection while still being safe in driving. This captures the citizens' needs of wanting the tint for sensitive eyes, to protect the interior vehicle from the sun, which makes the vehicle cooler inside for pets. The tint allows protecting belongings inside from the heat and theft protection as not so noticeable at a glance by people walking by.

This will allow North Dakota to be closer in line with other states' tint laws. There are about 15 states that have tints higher than thirty-five percent and all the other states are thirty-five percent or lower.

I yield many complaints and concerns from my constituents as why North Dakota tint law is so restrictive on the front driver and passenger windows. They also ask why Law enforcement vehicles can have tint darker than century code states, not to mention the out of state vehicles that pass through our state and get stopped for tint violations.

If HB 1340 passes I would consider tinting the Sheriff vehicles in our fleet to help preserve the equipment inside our vehicles from the sun and the heat.

Chairman Ruby and committee members I would urge you to vote **due pass on HB 1340**.

Sincerely,

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