



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2220

January 26, 2021

Chairman Klein and Members of the Senate Industry, Business & Labor Committee:

On behalf of the brewpubs, taprooms and members of the North Dakota Brewers Guild, we urge the Committee to render a DO PASS vote on Senate Bill 2220 as drafted. SB 2220 would provide our members the opportunity to serve their products during brunch meal prior to 11 a.m., if they choose - and provides another option for brewpubs and taprooms to help recover from 2020's unrelenting economic issues.

We appreciate Senator Meyer's recognition of the unnecessary regulations of prohibiting the serving of alcohol to adults on Sunday mornings. This is strictly a business decision, and we encourage the State to continue to support our small main street businesses who continue to battle pandemic and economic challenges.

North Dakota is home to nearly 30 brewpubs and taprooms across the state and each one contributes to their local communities with charitable efforts, investments and employment. Additionally, our industry directly supports North Dakota's agriculture economy by using home grown grains to produce our products, generating more than \$200 million of annual economic impact.

Again, we respectfully request the Committee to give favorable passage to SB 2220. As always, we invite Committee Members to schedule a tour and a briefing at one of our North Dakota Brewers Guild Members to learn how this industry continues to support tourism and the economy of our State.