

Testimony in support of: North Dakota House Bill 1538-A Bill for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 20 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code

Date: 2-1-2023

Submitted by: John Aarfor

Address: 735 18th Ave W West Fargo ND 58078


To: Representative Porter and Members of the North Dakota House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

As an avid angler and outdoorsman, I am writing to voice my support for your House Bill 1538.

In my opinion the financial burden the current legislation on tournaments and tournament fees has placed on tournaments that are held within our state is much too restrictive. The result has been that the major tournament organizations have chosen to hold their events in other surrounding states that have much less restrictive fee structures. The loss of tournaments in our state affects our local communities with loss of tourism revenues and also affects me personally by reducing the number of events available for me to participate in each year.

It is for these reasons that I overwhelmingly support Bill 1538. This Bill revising the language in the current legislation is important to the local communities in which these events are held and to the future of the sport that means so much to me personally. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Aarfor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Aarfor