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House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairman Porter:

I am writing to you regarding House Bill 1450 (HB 1450) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) support for this piece of legislation. This bill removes an alcohol violation as a prohibiting factor for obtaining a Class 1 Carry Permit.

The NRA supports the right of self-defense of all North Dakotans who are not otherwise prohibited by law from owning or possessing a firearm. This includes carrying outside the home and while traveling. Currently, anyone with an alcohol violation is not eligible for a Class 1 Carry Permit for 10 years. This is severe. This precludes otherwise law-abiding gun owners in North Dakota, who fall under that prohibition, from being able to carry concealed legally, in other Midwest states like Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

We believe that individuals that are not prohibited persons, should not lose their right to self-defense when they leave their home. For these reasons, and others, the NRA supports the passage of HB 1450 as it is currently written.

Sincerely,

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