

NDSA-14-2324

A Resolution in Opposition to the Expansion of Sports Betting in the State of North Dakota

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate for issues of student welfare; and,

WHEREAS, technology has allowed for online sports betting to be aggressively promoted to reach young adults with a focus on college students; and,

WHEREAS, sports betting has rapidly expanded causing young adults to develop, maintain, or accelerate gambling addictions; and,

WHEREAS, sports gambling is generally attractive to college students and those from low-income families are particularly vulnerable to the predatory tactics of gambling websites; and,

WHEREAS, according to one meta-analysis conducted by professors at the University of Buffalo, one in ten college students is a pathological gambler which is far higher than the 2-5% of the U.S. general population estimated to have a gambling problem; and,

WHEREAS, gambling addiction is a disorder recognized by the American Psychiatric Association which puts undue financial strain on victims of the disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education has continued to advocate against the expansion of sports gambling while the State of North Dakota has considered bills to expand sports gambling; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the NDSA will investigate means to mitigate the predatory practices of sports gambling and the negative effects it imposes on students; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NDSA supports the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education's efforts to curb gambling addictions among students through the Envision 2035 project; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHERST RESOLVED the NDSA encourages the State of North Dakota to continue prioritizing the welfare of students ahead of the profits of out-of-state companies.

Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly

Saturday, March 16th, 2024

¹ https://time.com/6342504/gambling-addiction-sports-betting-college-students/?utm_source=Iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_8549999_nl_Afternoon-Update_date_20231214&cid=pm&source=ams&sourceid=

² <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10899-013-9399-0>