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HB 1449 Testimony ***House Finance & Taxation Committee*** ***327E Room 2/09/21 @ 10:00 am***

Chairmen Headland members of the House Finance & Taxation Committee for the record my name is Richard Marcellais Senator from Rolette County District 9.

I am here this morning in favor of HS 1449 – relating to county and distribution fund; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

While federal and state governments provide some “payment in-lieu of taxes” for non-taxable government owned lands, there is no such funding for non-taxable tribal lands (except for specific school funding). Several counties are heavily impacted by remaining responsible for many local government services without the property tax base sufficient to support them.

In North Dakota this is very significant in two such counties – Rolette and Sioux. Because of the size and distribution in other counties with tribal lands, their taxable property is not as significant.

Chairmen Headland members of the House Finance & Taxation Committee, I urge Do Pass on House Bill 1449.