

**WALSH COUNTY
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House Finance and Taxation Committee
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505

Committee members:

The Walsh County Commission is writing in opposition to Senate Bill 2041. We feel this bill would unfairly shift the property tax burden to all other property owners in Walsh County and other taxing entities.

The loss of tax revenue that would be realized should this bill pass could be devastating to our County, local Cities, both large and small, School Districts, Park Districts, and all other taxing entities. Tax revenue lost due to an exemption for grain storage facilities or potato warehouses will have to be made up in other ways if our local taxing entities are going to maintain infrastructure and services to the people of Walsh County.

As written, this bill would be extremely difficult to properly enforce. The term "personal use" and family relations would be very hard to determine for Local Assessors and the Tax Director's Office.

Please consider this our formal opposition to Senate Bill 2041.

Sincerely,



Dennis Skorheim, Chairman
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