



House Political Subdivisions
Chairperson and Committee Members
SB2139 Support and Suggested Amendment/Clarification

The Downtown Business Association of Bismarck represents over 200 members with 9,000 employees in North Dakota's second largest employment district.

Our Board of Directors voted to support the amended version of SB2139 Neighborhood Zones. We worked with the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee and the ND Commerce Department on amendments to SB2139 to tighten up language and make sure that those who may participate in this potential new program do so in a way that takes the property to normal or above normal assessed condition. Our organization feels comfortable with the bill as amended, with the exception of a small wording change attached. We recommend that this wording change, suggested by the City of Bismarck Planning Department, be amended to clarify dwelling by removing the word "detached". See page 2 of my testimony.

Please let me know if you have any questions for me, we recommend favorable consideration of SB2139.
Thank you-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Herzog".

Kate Herzog, COO
Chief Operating Officer
Downtowners Bismarck



Suggested amendments to SB 2139 to clarify language:

Remove the word “detached” from both page 7, line 27 and page 9, line 16 of SB 2139.