

Hankinson Community Development Corporation, Incorporated

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Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Re: Amendment 21.0737.03003 of HB1277

Our Development Corporation in cooperation with the City of Hankinson created a new 39-lot residential addition to the City in 2017. To date, seven new homes have been built and at least two more will be constructed in 2021.

Four of the seven new homeowners are families that did not live in Hankinson prior to building their new home. Two of the seven new homeowners sold their existing homes in Hankinson as starter homes for young families.

The City of Hankinson currently provides a two-year tax exemption on \$150,000 of the true and full value of new construction exclusive of the land on which it is situated. This is a valuable incentive to encourage new home construction and attract new residents to Hankinson and to North Dakota.

Cost of new construction has increased significantly, supporting the need to adjust the existing \$150,000 threshold to \$250,000 for a two-year period.

We would encourage you to amend the bill per Amendment 21.0737.03003 as submitted by Representative Cindy Schreiber-Beck.

For the Board of Directors,



Robert Wurl
Treasurer