Lanny Kenner District 7

Chairman Luick and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I am urging NO votes on HB 1258.

Our ND Constitution gives our Townships and counties more power than the state when it comes to planning and zoning. The local people know what is best for their area.

This session there have been many attempts to take these powers granted by our constitution away from the local townships and counties all in the name of corporate gain.

Township and county zoning are a way to protect landowners rights but it seems this session has been a session of transferring those rights to out of state corporations. This is completely against what then Congressman Armstrong stated when he was running for ND Governor. At that time he said "We need to protect property rights at all costs". Hopefully he still stands by his statement and it wasn't just campaign promises!

So to preserve landowners, townships and counties rights please vote NO on HB 1258!

Thank you for listening, Lanny Kenner