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Senate Transportation
HB 1106
David Clemens, Chair

For the record, my name is Kory Peterson. I am appearing before you today on behalf of the North Dakota League of Cities, in support of HB 1106. Prior to working with the North Dakota League of Cities, I was the Mayor of Horace for 8 years, from June 2016 to July 2024.

Nonfixed route public transportation providers are a valuable resource used by many people who have mobility issues. Having this service allows individuals more freedom to go to work, make various appointments, and allows them to have a better quality of life.

As you are all aware, costs have gone on everything and the companies providing these services are no different. The cost of vehicles, maintenance, and staffing have gone up dramatically in the past 5 years.

Having worked with the Horace Lions Club, I got exposed to an organization called Handi-Wheels, which operates in the Fargo metro area. This organization provides transportation to mobility challenged individuals throughout the metro area. This service is invaluable to those needing this type of help. The club would contribute to this group because it is a needed service, and I have observed the good work they do.

This legislation would help provide another funding avenue for these types of organization to help continue their work in their different communities. This funding would help offset the cost increases while keeping the price for transportation affordable.

The League recommends a Do Pass on HB 1106.

Thank you.

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