## **Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 1444**

Dear Senators,

I strongly urge a NO vote on HB 1444. This bill appears to have been introduced solely to benefit Applied Digital in Ellendale, and for that purpose only.

It is deeply concerning that our supposed representatives continue attempts to take local control away from townships and those representatives who are closest to the people and desire to give them to the state, or in this case, a county.

It is evident that some legislators are not interested in maintaining local authority and protecting the voice of the people and their property rights. It is evident by the statements made by the sponsors of this bill that what they consider "progress", under and by any means, is the goal and without conscience, they are willing to continue the power grab at the expense of the citizens they were elected to represent.

Thank you for your consideration. Vote NO on HB 1444.

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