

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

House Bill 1444 is yet another effort by multi-billion-dollar corporations to undermine local township and county governments in our state.

It is crucial for our townships to maintain control over their own roads.

When these corporations fail to get their way through bullying tactics, they turn to certain legislators to introduce bills that further their interests.

So, who does this legislation really benefit—local governments or corporations?

Politicians claim this bill will promote economic development, but who stands to gain—the people of North Dakota or the corporations?

If this bill is truly about fostering economic growth, why are these corporations still demanding loans, grants, and tax breaks from North Dakota's citizens?

This bill, which would allow counties to seize control of certain roads, could leave our communities vulnerable to decisions driven by interests that don't prioritize our local needs.

You, as elected officials, have a responsibility to protect and defend the rights and interests of your constituents and all North Dakotans. We deserve legislation that safeguards our rights.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 1444.

Respectfully,

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