

Chairman Clemens and Transportation Committee members.

I am CarolLee Carruth and am a resident of Ellendale Township. I am writing to testify against HB 1444. 1-1/2 miles of township road in Ellendale Township is the reason for this bill.

The current way of how townships and counties deal with roads has worked very well for years. One company now wants you to change the way every township and county in the state deals with roads so they can control the 1.5 mile of road they want. You should not do a disservice to the whole state of ND to appease one company and 1.5 miles of road. You would create many problems across the state and forever to appease one company and mile and a half of road. It would be so short-sighted to change the law for all of ND for this one company. You would create problems for townships and counties through the whole state. That is not how the State of ND should operate.

This bill would strip powers away from local government where it should be. The state of ND should not usurp the powers of every township in ND. This is not a fair piece of legislation for any of the townships or people in ND. The people in a township that drive on those roads every day are the best ones to know those roads and what they need. This power definitely should not be taken from the townships where it has always been.

I would appreciate your vote for DO NOT PASS and your continued support for all the townships and people of ND. Thank you.