



House Finance and Taxation Committee  
Chairperson and Committee Members

Support of HB 1414

The Downtown Business Association of Bismarck represents over 200 members with 9,000 employees in North Dakota's second largest employment district. Our organization asks your support of HB 1414 to assist small retailers as they work to keep their businesses afloat in 2021. The pandemic has had an outsized effect on small businesses in our state. Nationally, most economists recognize a "K-Shaped" recovery, with large businesses representing the biggest gains and smaller businesses struggling to recover.

HB 1414 is targeted to assist small retailers in the economic recovery process. By supporting this bill, North Dakota can provide targeted support to businesses struggling to gain traction in the COVID recovery.

We encourage your support of HB 1414 and a favorable "Do Pass" recommendation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Herzog", is positioned below the text.

Kate Herzog, COO  
Chief Operating Officer  
Downtowners Bismarck