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House Appropriations Education and Environment Division Committee HB 1496 January 30, 2023

Chairman Nathan and committee members:

Our community speaks in support of HB 1496 and encourage the Committee to fund it at a higher level.

Hankinson completed a new 39-lot residential addition to the City in 2018 utilizing Bank of North Dakota's Infrastructure Loan Fund. Today, 11 new homes are in the Prairie Pines Addition and one under construction. This Addition provides only a partial solution to the housing shortage.

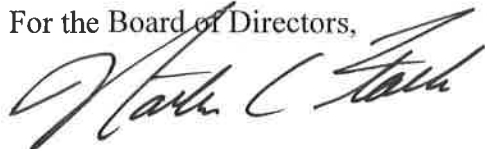
HB 1496 provides resources for communities to address blighted and dilapidated properties that most often come back to them due to delinquent property taxes. The city or county is then faced with cost of environmental remediation and demolition.

HB 1496 would enable revitalization within small communities like ours, creating new housing opportunities for families that cannot afford special assessments for new infrastructure that follow new residential additions such as Prairie Pines.

HB 1496 specifically funds the pillars of Governor Burgum's main street initiative – smart efficient infrastructure (using existing infrastructure) that provides affordable housing for a 21st Century workforce leading to healthy, vibrant communities.

Neighboring cities face the same challenges we do, we strongly encourage support of HB 1496 with increased funding to enable the maximum impact possible across the state.

For the Board of Directors,



Nathan C. Falk
President