

# **Testimony Presented on HB1537 to the**

## **House Judiciary Committee**

Representative Lawrence R. Klemin, Chairman

Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, M.D., Mayor of the City of Fargo

February 7, 2023

Chairman Klemin and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Upon consideration by the Board of City Commissioners on February 6, 2023, the City of Fargo respectfully requests that HB 1537 be converted into an Interim Committee study bill. The issues identified in HB 1537 warrant a thoughtful, deliberative, and comprehensive study and should be considered by the Legislative Assembly in the upcoming Interim. Members of the law enforcement community and prosecuting attorneys should be included in this study process, along with the political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota.

I seek your consideration in forwarding HB 1537 to an appropriate study process to better understand the issues presented and to craft a thoughtful future policy response.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, M.D.  
Mayor  
City of Fargo