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RE: Support of HB1174 regarding an amendment to Section **47-04.1-03**.

Chairman Dockter and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee:

The North Dakota Planning Association is in full support of the proposed amendment requiring notarized certification of approval from the Building Official or Authority Having Jurisdiction, per the language in proposed House Bill 1174. It is important that all buildings meet the ND State Building Code and the International Building Code to reduce the risk of potential loss of life and loss of real property.

This simple requirement to notify local authorities having jurisdiction could potentially reduce the risks for property owners.

This requirement should not add a significant burden to state staff, and would allow for each proposed condominium to be properly evaluated at the time of application.

Thank you for your consideration.

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