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Representative Grueneich
P.O. Box 84
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Re: House Bill No. 1246

The City of Oakes wishes to voice our ardent support for House Bill No. 1246; specifically the amendment regarding traffic control devices. We have a stop light on Highway 1 at the intersection where our school is located and recently a traffic study determined we do not meet the requirements to keep this device. This determination was met with strong concern from the school and community as it is the main pedestrian crossing for our K-12 students. Highway 1 intersects with Main Avenue which is our central business corridor in Oakes and many students walk there to eat lunch and run other errands daily.

Oakes and the surrounding area's primary business is farming. We have two large elevators and receive a high volume of semi-truck traffic particularly during spring planting and fall harvesting. We believe that removing the device would be dangerous for all pedestrians as semi-trucks especially cannot stop quickly to avoid accidents.

The fears and concerns of what could happen if this stop light is removed are significant. The City of Oakes respectfully submits this letter of support and asks that you pass House Bill No. 1246 and help us keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Nathan O'Brien
Mayor