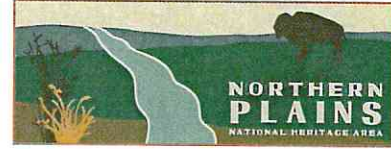


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Date: February 27, 2021

Attn: North Dakota Senator Brad Bekkedahl
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
North Dakota State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Good afternoon, State Senator Bekkedahl,

My name is Aaron L. Barth, and I am the executive director of the Missouri Valley Heritage Alliance/Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation, the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation, and the Missouri Riverboat, Inc., DBA *Lewis & Clark* Riverboat.

Because I appreciate and respect your time, I will get right to the point. I am writing and submitting this letter of support to recommend the restoration of a total of \$50 million for tourism infrastructure projects, and to support the \$5 million investment for North Dakota Tourism's marketing budget during this 68th legislative assembly.

Thank you so very much for your strong consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron L. Barth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Aaron L. Barth, PhD
Executive Director