

Support HB 1020

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Good afternoon, Chairman Wanzek and Committee members.

I am Larry Syverson from Mayville, I grow soybeans on my farm in Traill County, I am the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Roseville Township, and I am also the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Township Officers Association. NDTOA represents nearly 6,000 Township Officers that serve in more than 1,100 dues paying member townships.

North Dakota Township Officers appreciate the funding that has allowed the Upper Great Plains Institute to conduct the road and bridge needs studies and we certainly appreciate the work the staff of the institute has done on those studies. The information provided is of utmost importance for directing funding to where it will do the most good for rural transportation needs.

We are also very appreciative of the ND Technical Assistance Program as they endeavor to provide best practices training for our township officers and to back them up with technical information. They attend our conferences and travel to our workshops to help our officers do their jobs better.

Each year in recognition and appreciation of the technical support and training for township officers that the Upper Great Plains Institute and North Dakota Local Technical Assistance Program provide for us, the North Dakota Township Officers Association contributes \$2,500 to the program.

Chairman Wanzek and Committee Members, that concludes my prepared testimony. On behalf of the membership of NDTOA, I ask that you give HB 1020 your favorable recommendation and I will try to answer any questions.