

Support SB 2329

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

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Good morning, Chairman Kannianen 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.

NDTOA is currently holding its annual meeting and convention, yesterday we were discussing the pending legislation of this session. When SB 2329 came up the membership was very enthusiastic and hopeful of finally getting the funding we need to make sure the first miles of North Dakota's transportation system are up to the task of moving the products of our state to market as well as providing safe roads for the driving public.

Others will follow me to bring the needs of their townships and areas to your attention, they will illustrate just how the first miles of North Dakota's road system is falling even further behind.

Chairman Kannianen and Committee Members, that concludes my prepared testimony. On behalf of the membership of NDTOA, I ask that you give SB 2329 your favorable recommendation and I will try to answer any questions.