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House Appropriations Committee,

I am reaching out to you to support HB 1013,

As a public library, we rely on the support of the North Dakota State Library (NDSL). They provide services such as Inter Library Loans (ILLs), online electronic resources, talking books, and most importantly library grants. These services are vital to providing access to resources that a smaller library such as ours couldn't afford to provide for our community.

Their grant funding is instrumental in making sure our library stays relevant to our community. We've received multiple grants from the NDSL, in 2023 we received a collection development grant. With these funds we were able to create memory care kits for our aging community to aid people with cognitive decline from dementia and Alzheimer's. In 2024 with a NDSL Vision grant we were able to purchase new shelves and furniture.

Inter Library Loans (ILLs) are absolutely necessary for our library. As a smaller public library, our budget and limited space do not support all of our patrons' desired items. The funding for the ILL bridge allows us to ensure that anyone in the community can still access materials we cannot afford. Including older titles, and book club kits.

Because of these grants, our budget funds from the city and the county can be utilized for other services such as programs, books, and outreach. The combination makes the VCBC Public Library more valuable and accessible to the community and serves them better.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

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