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RE: HB 1382

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Paul Mutch from Larimore. I am urging a NO Vote on HB 1382.

At a time in North Dakota history when the state coffers are full to overflowing with money, it seems odd that we would ask the taxpayers for a tax increase of any sort. If more money is needed for roads and bridges, why not tap the Legacy Fund? I can't think of a better way to invest in our state with the peoples money.

Furthermore, as this body deliberates this legislative session on how best to offer meaningful property tax relief to its residents, it makes little sense to give relief with one hand, and then take it back in the form of a gas tax increase with the other.

Thank you for your consideration.

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