

Dear Chairman Headland and Committee Members,

I'm writing to let you know how much I support House Bill 1524. I've seen firsthand the difference Roosevelt Custer Regional Council has made in Hettinger County. As an artist, it's been a dream to see our area have the potential to grow as a tourism destination, and the Council has been a key part of making that happen. They helped us secure funding for a feasibility study, and they've been instrumental in the planning process, which is paving the way for future growth.

As the chair of the Hettinger County JDA, I've also witnessed the Council's impact up close. From helping with business visits to job postings and assisting with local programs, Roosevelt Custer is making sure we've got the support we need. We're all excited about the Council being revived and know it's going to help strengthen our region even more.

Regional councils like Roosevelt Custer offer expertise that we just don't have in small communities. They help us tap into grants, plan infrastructure projects, and create long-term strategies for growth. This is more than just about individual towns, it's about making sure the whole region stays strong, sustainable, and competitive.

Without stable funding, it's hard to know if these councils can keep doing the good work they're doing. House Bill 1524 is a critical investment in our future, and I strongly urge you to support it. It's a real opportunity for rural communities to continue growing and thriving.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Gary Greff
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