

Testimony of Jim Murphy, Executive Director, Traill County EDC in support of HB 1524

To the House Finance & Taxation Committee

February 4, 2025

Rep. Headland and members of the House Taxation and Finance Committee,

My name is Jim Murphy, and I am the Executive Director of Traill County EDC. We serve the citizens and businesses of Traill County to help identify and facilitate economic prosperity in the area. This includes, but is not limited to, job creation, business retention, housing, community development and childcare. I am providing this testimony in support of House Bill 1524.

We are passionate about the opportunities for our Traill County rural communities to continue to thrive and we are good at what we do. However, given our limited resources, we cannot be experts in all these matters and that is why we need good partners like our regional councils. Regional councils provide an efficient way for us, and the rest of the communities they serve, to use them for expertise when needed.

This will be very important with the change in leadership both at the state and federal level and to help us with the nuances of the changing landscape. Amber Metz and Lake Agassiz Development are our regional council contacts, and she has helped us with several new businesses in our community. I know I can ask her or her team for support.

I am encouraging a yes vote on HB 1524 to keep that mission going as well as enhance that mission in coming years.

If you have any questions, please contact me.


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