



Testimony in Support of HB 1362

Chairman Warrey and Members of House, Business and Labor Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1362 which is currently referred to the Industry, Business and Labor Committee. As a builder working in northwest North Dakota, I have witnessed firsthand the urgent need for the program proposed in this bill, and I believe that its passage will connect smaller residential home builders to the funding they need to start and finish more new homes.

We have been building in Williston for the past twenty years and have seen trades come and go, backed by large developers and/or investors. They build quickly, shoddily, make some money and then leave. The local builders are invested in our community and take pride in our end product. We want to build more residential homes but some of us are limited to 3-4 homes per year due to financing the homes solely on our own. We have begun doing more custom homes for customers, but could take on more spec homes due to the need in our community. This proposed bill would offer local builders the opportunity to have more production and build more homes, which is more efficient and profitable for the builder, but also benefits our community who is in need of more (quality) residential housing.

I urge you and your colleagues to vote in favor of HB 1362. Your support will be instrumental in creating a key funding mechanism that will increase available housing in North Dakota, giving skilled workers and their families a place to call home and a reason to set down roots.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can offer further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tess Scully". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "S" for the last name.

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