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Dear Sir or Madame,

Historic sites serve as concrete reminders of North Dakota's past and our shared history. They form the foundation for strong and resilient communities. Once North Dakota's historic buildings are destroyed, they cannot be replaced; they are lost forever. Historic theaters from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century display classic architectural work by some of the most renowned architects of their time, often featuring innovative and ornate designs. Communities recognize their historic theaters' social and economic value, accepting them as integral pieces of their identity. Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, Cleveland, and New York City illustrate the positive outcomes that can arise when historic theaters are preserved and professionally managed, contributing to the quality of life in those cities and the economic benefits from their operations. The Fargo Theater, one of these amazing treasures, will have the same benefits for the City of Fargo and the State of North Dakota. For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the initiative.

Thank you,

Beth Jansen

Executive Director