



Dear Members of the North Dakota Legislature,

I am writing as a longtime resident and business owner in North Dakota to express my strong support for HB 1438. Having lived in several communities throughout the state—Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, and Valley City—I have seen firsthand the critical need to preserve and support our historic buildings and cultural landmarks.

In each of these towns, the historic theatres and buildings are not just structures; they are vital hubs of activity, cultural identity, and economic vitality. Maintaining these buildings is an ongoing challenge, especially as the cost of doing business continues to rise. For many of us, keeping a century-old building in good condition requires significant resources, but it's an investment in preserving the fabric of our communities.

Take, for example, the Fargo Theatre. Beyond being a cherished landmark, it is a community treasure—an arts and entertainment center, a movie house, and a gathering place for people of all ages. The Fargo Theatre is a symbol of downtown Fargo's vitality, drawing visitors and residents alike to experience the magic of live performances, films, and community events.

But it's not just the Fargo Theatre that needs our attention. Historic theatres and buildings across our state play an essential role in the cultural and economic life of our towns and cities. They are irreplaceable assets that require ongoing support and investment to stay viable.

I urge you to support HB 1438 and help ensure that these important pieces of our state's heritage remain standing for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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