



The Fargo Neighborhood Coalition, an organization representing the residents of Fargo's core neighborhoods, strongly supports the passage of HB 1438, which will provide funds to preserve and maintain the historic Fargo Theatre.

Among the two most enduring symbols of North Dakota are the Badlands in the west and the Fargo Theatre in the east – especially its iconic marquee. When the national media features North Dakota, the Fargo Theatre often symbolizes the state. It hosts feature films and live performances from nationwide performers, and it attracts visitors from around the region who support local businesses. The annual Fargo Film Festival brings regional and international visitors who support the North Dakota economy. In these and other ways, the Fargo Theatre greatly contributes to the quality of life unique to North Dakota.

Maintaining the Fargo Theatre is an expensive proposition despite the ongoing and generous support of local residents and businesses. Passage of HB 1438 will assure that the Fargo Theatre will continue to make a vital contribution to the state and region. The Fargo Neighborhood Coalition urges the North Dakota Legislature to pass HB 1438 for the benefit all of North Dakotans.

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