

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR HB 1577

HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Chairman Porter and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

My name is Joshua M. Skluzacek, City Engineer of Dickinson. The City of Dickinson stands in support of HB 1577.

Of the key infrastructure needs throughout the City of Dickinson, wastewater infrastructure grant programs do not exist today. The costs of constructing and maintaining wastewater infrastructure to ensure the safety and effectiveness of systems has been continually increasing. There are funding sources for transportation, storm water, and water distribution, but nothing currently is available to support the funding of wastewater infrastructure. The wastewater infrastructure grant program that is proposed to be developed in HB 1577 will provide the City of Dickinson with much needed funding to minimize the local costs which would otherwise be directly impacting our citizens. The City of Dickinson supports HB 1577.

I, as City Engineer of Dickinson, am in support of HB 1577 and the wastewater infrastructure grant programs presented in the bill.

Respectfully Joshua M. Skluzacek, PE City Engineer City of Dickinson, ND

