

Dear members of the house political subdivision members, I thank you for taking time to hear my testimony. My name is Doug I live in Minot with my wife and 5 kids. I am testifying in favor of this bill due to an experience a couple of years ago when the city of Minot sent me a letter to fix my sidewalk. We got the letter in mid June and were informed of the deadline to have the new sidewalk in by July 17th, which was just a month out. If we wouldn't had the sidewalk fixed by the deadline the city would have fixed it and levied the amount against us. I was appalled with such short notice due to being a one income family, were suppose to go on a summer vacation to see my grandma but had to cancel because that money had to go to fix the sidewalk. And to top that off we only had a short list of contractors from the city that can do job. In my opinion this would give homeowners a better chance to come up with the money and resources to fix the sidewalks when the cities require them to.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today.