

**Dwaine Heinrich, Mayor
City of Jamestown**

February 4, 2025

Rep. Donald Longmuir Chair and Members of the ND House Political Subdivisions Committee

House Bill 1537 Testimony

Dear Chairman Longmuir and Members of the Committee:

This bill affords you and all members of the North Dakota Legislature an opportunity to see that what has happened to Grand Forks does not happen to another North Dakota municipality. Hopefully you have all had an opportunity to review what has been going on in Grand Forks regarding their water utility.

In my opinion, what Grand Forks has and is experiencing after entering into a good faith agreement with another North Dakota entity should be repugnant to all who have any respect for "The Golden Rule."

Again, please take this opportunity to see that this does not happen to another North Dakota political subdivisions by giving this bill a Do Pass recommendation and a Yes vote in the full House.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwaine Heinrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'H'.

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