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House Bill No. 1182

Chairman Ruby and the Members of the Transportation Committee,

The board members of Oakes Golf Club strongly support House Bill 1182. This bill would bring forth a lasting solution to flooding issues we have been struggling with for decades.

Since 1995, our golf course operations have been significantly impacted by flooding caused by the creek crossing on 86th St SE. Our 9-hole course is located on both sides of Bear Creek, directly upstream from the proposed road project site. Over the years we have invested in a series of projects on our land to combat the flooding caused by water being held back by the roadway; however, challenges still persist. An improvement to the road holding back water would alleviate persistent flooding issues and allow us to maintain reliable access to the second portion of our course. This would enable us to operate our club smoothly, avoiding the recurring disruptions that have led to revenue losses over the years.

The proposed road project not only protects and preserves the integrity of our golf course infrastructure but also supports local businesses and tourism, aiding in economic growth of our area.

This project also represents a vital investment in rural North Dakota, addressing public safety concerns, minimizing flood risks, and supporting the livelihoods of businesses and residents who depend on this infrastructure.

By advancing House Bill 1182 with a supportive recommendation, you will play an important role in protecting rural infrastructure, enhancing economic opportunities, and supporting the resilience of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Aaron Held
Oakes Golf Club - President