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Senate Appropriations Committee

Dear Ladies & Gentleman:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Minto. We are located 30 miles north of Grand Forks. We have been struggling to find a suitable location to build a new housing development in our town for years. Our main problem is having the money to purchase the land for a new development. There is a desperate need for housing in our area and we would like to be able to meet this need.

I am concerned about the 1:1 match on this grant. The City of Minto would have a hard time coming up with the match. Right now, we are in the process of updating our system wide water plant and possibly doing street repairs this year. As much as we need a new housing development, current infrastructure always comes first.

We do appreciate the introduction of a bill to help cities with the housing crunch, but I am not sure the smaller towns will benefit from this bill as much as the larger cities will.

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter.

Sincerely,

*Angela Shutt
Auditor
City of Minto*

