

To whom it may concern:

My name is Logan Staigle, I grew up in Center, North Dakota (581) and now reside in Turtle Lake, North Dakota (537). I am a business owner in Turtle Lake and am on the City of Turtle Lake's Economic Development Committee. This committee was recently formed, and we have worked as a group to put together a 5 year and a 10-year plan together for Turtle Lake. In the coming years we hope to rejuvenate and rebuild our main street and offer housing options for young families that are looking to be a part of our community.

Turtle Lake is an amazing small community. We have more amenities than most towns our size. We consist of a grocery store, drug store, hardware store, flower shop, 2 gas stations, 2 banks, coffee shop, insurance agency, insurance company, share exchange (thrift store), café, hospital, clinic, and multiple other small businesses. It is so nice to have these outlets, but it is getting more and more challenging for these businesses to keep their doors open.

In Turtle Lake we are facing multiple infrastructure issues with the businesses we have on Main Street. Most buildings on Main Street have been around since the town originated and are either deteriorating or are costing a small fortune to keep standing. With the SB 2097 this could help us help our businesses. With the rise in costs throughout the construction industry it is very difficult to rebuild or even renovate some of these spaces with the small amount of business that is done in these stores. Our community is very supportive but even with that our little businesses just can't sustain a \$800,000-\$1,000,000 building to keep operating.

The hope is to get some assistance for these businesses and with the help of their commitment we could possibly rebuild our community into the great community it once was. The SB 2097 would be a breath of fresh air to a community like ours and many more small towns in North Dakota just like the one that raised myself and many other North Dakota citizens. This state was built on rural communities, it is a shame to watch them slowly dwindle away. I ask to strongly consider approving this to help with the financial burden faced in these communities.

Thank you for your time on consideration of the matter! From your neighbors in Turtle Lake!