



January 27, 2025

RE: Testimony to Senate Finance and Taxation Committee on SB 2323 to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-51 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an energy impact grant fund;

Chairman Weber and members of the committee,

For the record my name is Kelly Braun, and I am the Manager of the Dickinson Municipal Airport. On behalf of the Dickinson Municipal Airport Authority, I respectfully offer testimony in support of **SB 2323**.

The Airport Authority recognizes that several cities in North Dakota have taken on debt to meet the needs of their rapidly growing communities. New and expanding businesses, along with housing developments, require significant investments in infrastructure to handle the growth. This infrastructure includes water, sanitary and storm sewer, roads, and airports. This is especially true for cities in Western North Dakota that have expanded at a rapid pace due to the unprecedented growth in the energy sector.

SB 2323 will aid cities that have been impacted by this rapid growth. This bill would provide grants to assist these impacted cities with reducing their debt, which will free up their revenues to complete other critical projects that serve the traveling public and the aviation industry in North Dakota.

Your support for **SB 2323** will provide the much-needed financial assistance to impacted communities allowing each to reduce their respective debt burden.

The Dickinson Municipal Airport Authority respectfully requests that the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee unanimously support the passage of **SB 2323**.

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