

Greetings Mr./Madam Chair, members of the Committee, I'm Kathrin Volochenko of the **Nonpartisan League**

I request that this committee bring **SB 2208** to the floor with a **"Do Not Pass"** recommendation. The reasons are as stated:

I see that there are two very problematic additions to the current law;

The first is under section "57-51.1-07.7. Municipal infrastructure fund - Continuing appropriation - State treasurer - Reports"

Page 2 lines 8-12:

"3, "c. If a city adopts an ordinance or policy that interferes or conflicts with an energy infrastructure project permitted or approved by a state agency, the city is not eligible to receive any grants from the fund beginning on the later of the date on which the city adopted the ordinance or policy, or the date on which the state agency permits or approves the project."

The second is: "SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 57-51.1-07.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:"

"57-51.1-07.8. County and township infrastructure fund - Continuing appropriation - State treasurer - Reports"

Pages 5-6 Lines 28-30 pg. 5, and lines 1-2 pg. 6:

"c. If a county or township adopts an ordinance or policy that interferes or conflicts with an energy infrastructure project permitted or approved by a state agency, the county or township is not eligible to receive any grants from the fund beginning on the later of the date on which the city adopted the ordinance or policy, or the date on which the state agency permits or approves the project."

This is a direct and blatant attack on the ability of a Township, Municipality, and County, even with a "Home Rule" charter, to self-govern i.e. adopting ordinances, and enacting or revising zoning laws to suit that jurisdiction's unique

needs. These revisions are further endangering the freedoms of all North Dakota citizens.

I interpret item "c" ... energy infrastructure project" as **ANY** infrastructure project such as, though limited to; oil, gas, Co2, LNG, diesel, etc. Also, this would include power line/grid projects, substations, wind farms, and solar farms.

The aforementioned jurisdictions need to continue to have the rights and means to either allow or disallow projects to enter.

Please help to preserve the rights of local governments and send **SB 2208** to the floor with a "**Do Not Pass**" recommendation.

Thanks for your time and attention