

To the Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Erik Olson and I am a resident of Abercrombie Township. I am writing in OPPOSITION to Senate Bill 2208.

The language proposed in this bill is a complete overreach of Government. Small communities are what make up most of North Dakota. Stripping these such communities of being able to govern themselves and threatening to remove their funding, is not what the State of North Dakota or even the United State of America is all about. The negative consequences and the abuse of power that would be inflicted on the communities, is nothing to take lightly and should not even be considered.

There is a reason that Townships and Counties have elected officials. Those representatives are there to protect the residents and environment and know what is good or bad for their communities.

I strongly urge a DO NOT PASS on Senate Bill 2208 .