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**RE: Support of SB 2142
Township Road & Bridge Sustainability Fund**

Chairman Clemens and Senate Transportation Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for SB 2142. We support dedicated funding to townships and in addition, would appreciate consideration for dedicated funding for counties in this bill.

Infrastructure needs across our state are vast and costs associated with these needs continue to grow. Similar to townships, counties across North Dakota need long term, secure funding solutions to better plan and prioritize future transportation projects. Increases in state funding through this bill are key to help maintain our highway and bridge networks. Consistent long-term funding will allow counties and townships to effectively plan and construct projects that most efficiently utilize funding to extend the life of roads and bridges now and to help avoid larger costs for complete reconstruction in the future.

We also know that property tax relief and reform is a major priority for this session and if we have limits on property tax growth, these dedicated funding sources would be vital in moving forward local government infrastructure plans.

Chairman Clemens and Committee members, thank for time and consideration.