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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.

Stutsman County and other counties across North Dakota are in dire need for long term funding solutions to better plan and prioritize our local road and bridge projects. Increase in local fundings through this bill are critical to provide the infrastructure necessary to haul goods and services across our transportation network, but also to provide safer roads to our traveling public.

Investing in infrastructure reduces accidents, improves road conditions, and enhances safety for rural families, schools' buses and emergency services. Senate Bill 2142 represents a vital investment in North Dakotas rural infrastructure. By creating sustainable mechanisms for township roads and bridge projects.

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