

**Senate Political Subdivisions Committee
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Testimony

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HB 1419

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding HB 1419 on behalf of the City of Minot. We would like the record to show that the City of Minot is supportive to the changes proposed in this bill.

Similar to many communities throughout North Dakota Minot has been experiencing rising costs of materials and services simultaneously with flat or decreasing revenues. This scenario makes it extremely difficult to balance fiscal needs of providing public services, maintaining current infrastructure, and investing in growth all while trying to minimize the tax burden on our residents and constituents.

This Bill, while originally introduced by the City of Bismark, creates another potential tool for North Dakota cities to use to pay for needed street infrastructure improvements. The City of Minot has not traditionally utilized the current mechanism of special assessments extensively but views this new proposed mechanism as simpler and more sustainable.

The City of Minot respectfully requests a Do Pass action from the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee on behalf of HB 1419.