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Date: March 10, 2023

Attn: North Dakota Senator Terry Wanzek
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division
North Dakota State Capitol
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Good afternoon, State Senator Wanzek,

My name is Aaron L. Barth, and I am the executive director of the Missouri Valley Heritage Alliance/Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation, the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation, and the Missouri Riverboat, Inc., DBA *Lewis & Clark* Riverboat.

Because I appreciate and respect your time, I will get right to the point. I am writing and submitting this letter of support to recommend the restoration of a total of \$50 million for tourism infrastructure projects, and to support the \$5 million investment for North Dakota Tourism's marketing budget during this 68th legislative assembly.

Thank you so very much for your strong consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron L. Barth".

Aaron L. Barth, PhD
Executive Director