



Great Plains Housing Authority

Serving Dickey, Eddy, Foster, Logan, Sargent, Stutsman, and Wells Counties

To: House Appropriations - Government Operations Division

From: David Klein, GPHA Executive Director

Date: March 20, 2025

Re: SB 2014

Great Plains Housing Authority supports SB 2014 and the efforts to fund the Housing Incentive Fund at \$50 million and fund the ND Homeless Grants at \$10 million.

The lack of affordable housing is a chronic issue that has complex ripples throughout our communities and state. Employers are having a tough time recruiting employees because of the high housing costs. Many employers have trimmed back critical health care services. Those critical health services impact the homeless.

Homeless and behavioral health support services are desperately needed to improve the homeless situation and help get individuals into a stable situation.

In Region 6, Homeless grants could help create temporary or extended housing that help a homeless person graduate into a stable situation. The Housing Incentive Fund could help Region 6 expand housing for low-income and moderate-income households. This includes attracting young people who seek jobs in rural areas in health care, government, technology, manufacturing, schools, and other industries.

Please pass SB2014 with \$10 million in homeless grants and \$50 million in the Housing Incentive Fund to help Region 6 and all of North Dakota.

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