Dwaine Heinrich, Mayor City of Jamestown

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Rep. Craig Headland and Members of the House Finance and Tax Committee

House Bill 1524

Dear Chair Headland and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to offer my support for House Bill 1524. Jamestown is the largest city in the area of the South Central Regional Council. Here in Jamestown we recognize that we are not an island and that whatever is good for the economic and other development of the area covered by the South Central Regional Council is also good for Jamestown, Stutsman County, and the entire State of North Dakota.

I have had the opportunity to work with Traci Redlin and the team at the South Central Regional Council. In my opinion they have made great strides over the last few years and find them always open and willing to work together as a team.

I find the plan in House Bill 1524 to be a good one. It is also encouraging to see that the Bill Sponsors recognize the complexity of the planning that they are asking for with the direction that the Department of Commerce shall provide funding to them to assist in implementing the Biennial Work Plan.

Thank you for your time. I urge a Do Pass recommendation from your committee.

Respectfully,

Dwaine Heinrich, Mayor

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