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To: North Dakota House Political Subdivisions Committee
From: Ellen Huber, NDAREC Rural Development Director
RE: **Support of Senate Bill 2097**

Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

On behalf of the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) and its members, I express support for Senate Bill (SB) 2097. Our association represents 17 electric distribution cooperatives and five generation and transmission cooperatives. For decades, we have operated a leading rural development center, leveraging more than \$700 million to provide financial and technical assistance for business enterprises and community development projects — 91% of which remain operational. These efforts enhance rural health care, childcare, food access, housing, and emergency services.

While we have made impacts for rural people and rural places, finding capital and financial assistance for projects in small towns is a growing challenge. The proposed rural community endowment fund is step forward. We are also aware of Senate Bill 2390, which proposes a rural catalyst committee and grant program. We embrace pulling the best features of each proposal into one bill.

SB2097 provides grants to communities of fewer than 1,000, encompassing 303 cities. The ceiling for SB2390 is a maximum 8,500 in population with at least 50% of funding after expenses to be allocated to communities under population 1,000. With either bill, increasing this threshold to 1,500 could better assure help to 20 more communities. A listing of the most recent U.S. Census estimates is attached.

Our priority is ensuring transparency, efficiency and effectiveness, regardless of administration. We will introduce communities to new resources as part of our technical assistance and outreach efforts. Electric co-ops, through their board members and staff, link us to many needs throughout the state.

Funding for rural development will support essential community projects to maintain livable rural communities, populations and the workforce required to match the opportunities before us. Many of these opportunities exist due to past investments in infrastructure, development and ideas. Concepts such as these lead to long-term prosperity and growth. This fund could be transformational and provide long-lasting economic and social impacts for generations to come.

NDAREC urges a “Do Pass” recommendation on SB 2097.

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Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Incorporated Places in North Dakota: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023						
Geographic Area	April 1, 2020 Estimates Base	Population Estimate (as of July 1)				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	
Fargo city, North Dakota	125,952	125,986	129,575	131,444	133,188	
Bismarck city, North Dakota	73,626	73,745	74,082	74,536	75,092	
Grand Forks city, North Dakota	59,169	59,142	58,724	58,694	58,921	
Minot city, North Dakota	48,385	48,384	48,084	47,689	47,373	
West Fargo city, North Dakota	38,632	38,895	39,461	39,980	40,400	
Williston city, North Dakota	29,169	29,317	27,358	26,931	27,706	
Dickinson city, North Dakota	25,674	25,809	25,168	24,916	25,130	
Mandan city, North Dakota	24,186	24,214	24,401	24,478	24,586	
Jamestown city, North Dakota	15,847	15,811	15,815	15,755	15,691	
Wahpeton city, North Dakota	8,016	8,016	7,998	8,013	8,000	
Devils Lake city, North Dakota	7,183	7,164	7,209	7,157	7,135	
Valley City city, North Dakota	6,582	6,582	6,567	6,563	6,551	
Watford City city, North Dakota	6,217	6,250	5,871	5,881	6,020	
Horace city, North Dakota	3,206	3,249	3,462	4,269	5,643	
Lincoln city, North Dakota	4,258	4,271	4,331	4,362	4,426	
Grafton city, North Dakota	4,171	4,157	4,138	4,126	4,059	
Beulah city, North Dakota	3,058	3,056	3,049	3,043	3,034	
New Town city, North Dakota	2,768	2,771	2,727	2,634	2,725	
Casselton city, North Dakota	2,479	2,478	2,459	2,462	2,472	
Rugby city, North Dakota	2,510	2,501	2,470	2,465	2,446	
Hazen city, North Dakota	2,280	2,278	2,275	2,278	2,276	
Stanley city, North Dakota	2,352	2,347	2,269	2,183	2,184	
Lisbon city, North Dakota	2,202	2,199	2,196	2,185	2,173	
Bottineau city, North Dakota	2,191	2,193	2,220	2,186	2,171	
Tioga city, North Dakota	2,206	2,218	2,068	2,039	2,097	
Carrington city, North Dakota	2,081	2,077	2,054	2,052	2,009	
Langdon city, North Dakota	1,906	1,897	1,886	1,851	1,847	
Mayville city, North Dakota	1,847	1,846	1,828	1,816	1,805	
Oakes city, North Dakota	1,797	1,786	1,756	1,770	1,764	
Hillsboro city, North Dakota	1,649	1,648	1,660	1,652	1,641	
Harvey city, North Dakota	1,648	1,641	1,613	1,620	1,600	
Garrison city, North Dakota	1,468	1,466	1,472	1,471	1,464	
Mapleton city, North Dakota	1,320	1,330	1,369	1,398	1,435	
Surrey city, North Dakota	1,355	1,357	1,364	1,389	1,417	
Bowman city, North Dakota	1,469	1,463	1,425	1,427	1,411	
Park River city, North Dakota	1,422	1,418	1,416	1,406	1,385	
New Rockford city, North Dakota	1,360	1,350	1,348	1,334	1,310	
Burlington city, North Dakota	1,288	1,287	1,283	1,291	1,306	
Washburn city, North Dakota	1,299	1,295	1,297	1,293	1,283	
Larimore city, North Dakota	1,258	1,256	1,239	1,224	1,224	
Cavalier city, North Dakota	1,252	1,251	1,239	1,239	1,223	
Rolla city, North Dakota	1,217	1,218	1,201	1,181	1,165	
Ellendale city, North Dakota	1,123	1,117	1,099	1,101	1,093	
Thompson city, North Dakota	1,098	1,096	1,084	1,067	1,069	
Cando city, North Dakota	1,121	1,112	1,097	1,063	1,047	
Velva city, North Dakota	1,096	1,092	1,065	1,062	1,046	
Linton city, North Dakota	1,068	1,064	1,058	1,055	1,045	
Hettinger city, North Dakota	1,069	1,063	1,048	1,030	1,043	
Crosby city, North Dakota	1,068	1,073	1,060	1,052	1,036	
New Salem city, North Dakota	974	980	1,006	1,025	1,027	
Kindred city, North Dakota	926	930	961	994	1,024	
Beach city, North Dakota	979	974	989	979	972	
Belfield city, North Dakota	995	999	974	962	969	
Cooperstown city, North Dakota	983	979	975	962	961	
Northwood city, North Dakota	980	979	957	947	950	
Hankinson city, North Dakota	919	918	920	920	918	
Gwinner city, North Dakota	927	926	929	923	916	
Kenmare city, North Dakota	956	955	939	925	914	
Killdeer city, North Dakota	937	938	915	904	908	
Parshall city, North Dakota	945	946	928	892	898	
Walhalla city, North Dakota	895	892	897	892	880	
Enderlin city, North Dakota	881	879	867	862	856	
Reile's Acres city, North Dakota	704	715	804	838	841	
Wishek city, North Dakota	860	853	857	844	841	
Harwood city, North Dakota	795	797	806	819	827	
Hebron city, North Dakota	798	798	796	790	788	
Underwood city, North Dakota	788	786	787	782	774	
LaMoure city, North Dakota	761	762	759	757	760	
Napoleon city, North Dakota	752	756	745	733	745	
Drayton city, North Dakota	758	757	748	744	735	
Glen Ullin city, North Dakota	735	733	730	726	725	
Ray city, North Dakota	740	748	704	697	723	
Wilton city, North Dakota	721	720	719	713	714	
Hatton city, North Dakota	717	715	714	708	702	
Mohall city, North Dakota	699	696	688	680	689	
Lakota city, North Dakota	685	680	695	685	685	
New England city, North Dakota	695	691	679	674	676	
Richardton city, North Dakota	691	694	675	668	671	
Steele city, North Dakota	665	663	656	664	652	
Mott city, North Dakota	655	650	639	636	637	
Milnor city, North Dakota	625	620	620	617	614	
Dunseith city, North Dakota	637	637	630	619	611	
Minto city, North Dakota	620	618	616	617	609	
Ashley city, North Dakota	612	608	602	604	602	
Lidgerwood city, North Dakota	599	598	599	594	593	
Center city, North Dakota	589	586	588	581	581	
Portland city, North Dakota	583	582	579	578	577	
Edgeley city, North Dakota	575	577	573	571	576	
Turtle Lake city, North Dakota	542	540	543	541	537	
Elgin city, North Dakota	543	540	544	525	519	
Pembina city, North Dakota	512	511	505	503	497	
Forman city, North Dakota	514	510	506	497	494	
Argusville city, North Dakota	482	484	481	476	474	
Berthold city, North Dakota	487	487	479	472	467	
Rolette city, North Dakota	484	484	478	468	462	
Towner city, North Dakota	481	479	471	464	458	
Fessenden city, North Dakota	464	462	453	457	452	
Wyndmere city, North Dakota	451	450	449	450	448	
Emerado city, North Dakota	444	443	442	439	441	

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Leeds city, North Dakota	442	440	426	425	423
Glenburn city, North Dakota	404	402	400	400	403
South Heart city, North Dakota	394	398	397	396	403
Finley city, North Dakota	400	399	400	394	391
Maddock city, North Dakota	400	399	388	386	384
McVille city, North Dakota	392	389	393	381	379
Powers Lake city, North Dakota	389	388	381	375	375
Westhope city, North Dakota	380	381	382	377	374
Oxbow city, North Dakota	377	376	374	373	371
Manvel city, North Dakota	376	378	373	368	369
Kulm city, North Dakota	368	369	365	365	366
Strasburg city, North Dakota	382	380	368	366	364
Stanton city, North Dakota	366	366	365	362	362
Buxton city, North Dakota	349	348	350	351	349
Neche city, North Dakota	347	346	343	342	338
Fairmount city, North Dakota	341	341	341	337	336
Hunter city, North Dakota	334	333	331	328	327
Arthur city, North Dakota	327	326	324	325	324
Max city, North Dakota	329	328	329	327	323
McClusky city, North Dakota	324	322	320	325	319
St. John city, North Dakota	324	324	320	315	313
St. Thomas city, North Dakota	320	319	317	315	312
Alexander city, North Dakota	318	319	298	298	307
Sawyer city, North Dakota	323	323	318	311	307
Bowbells city, North Dakota	294	293	288	285	285
Gackle city, North Dakota	284	286	283	278	282
Drake city, North Dakota	291	290	285	280	277
Hope city, North Dakota	272	272	275	278	277
Tower City city, North Dakota	268	267	266	271	275
Arnegard city, North Dakota	283	284	266	266	272
Gladstone city, North Dakota	269	270	265	270	271
Reynolds city, North Dakota	274	273	272	269	268
Walcott city, North Dakota	264	264	267	267	268
Medina city, North Dakota	270	269	270	267	265
Michigan City city, North Dakota	262	260	266	260	259
Abercrombie city, North Dakota	248	248	252	255	258
Davenport city, North Dakota	255	254	256	255	254
Scranton city, North Dakota	259	258	251	250	248
Hoople city, North Dakota	250	249	248	248	244
Leonard city, North Dakota	248	247	246	245	244
Carson city, North Dakota	253	251	252	244	240
Gilby city, North Dakota	244	244	240	239	240
Aneta city, North Dakota	238	236	239	237	237
Lansford city, North Dakota	237	237	239	236	235
Halliday city, North Dakota	238	238	231	228	230
Dunn Center city, North Dakota	227	227	225	225	227
Granville city, North Dakota	234	233	231	228	225
Taylor city, North Dakota	231	232	226	223	224
Zap city, North Dakota	227	227	227	226	224
Riverdale city, North Dakota	221	221	223	223	223
Hazelton city, North Dakota	224	223	221	221	219
Anamoose city, North Dakota	225	224	222	220	217
Flasher city, North Dakota	218	217	217	215	215
Grenora city, North Dakota	221	224	209	207	214
Tappen city, North Dakota	216	215	212	214	211
New Leipzig city, North Dakota	217	216	217	211	207
Plaza city, North Dakota	213	212	209	202	204
Colfax city, North Dakota	168	168	179	192	202
Fordville city, North Dakota	207	206	206	205	202
Grandin city, North Dakota	186	186	189	195	195
Edinburg city, North Dakota	199	198	198	199	194
Frontier city, North Dakota	196	196	194	194	193
Page city, North Dakota	192	192	190	190	189
Sherwood city, North Dakota	188	187	187	186	189
Buffalo city, North Dakota	193	193	191	191	188
Golden Valley city, North Dakota	190	190	190	189	188
Minnewaukan city, North Dakota	193	192	187	188	187
Munich city, North Dakota	195	194	192	187	186
Des Lacs city, North Dakota	189	189	186	185	183
Sheyenne city, North Dakota	184	182	183	182	178
Wimbledon city, North Dakota	180	180	179	177	176
Mooreton city, North Dakota	175	175	175	174	173
Fort Yates city, North Dakota	178	177	171	168	166
Regent city, North Dakota	172	171	168	167	166
Litchville city, North Dakota	170	170	167	166	165
Binford city, North Dakota	168	167	167	163	163
Sanborn city, North Dakota	163	163	162	161	162
Rutland city, North Dakota	164	163	163	163	160
Petersburg city, North Dakota	161	160	163	161	159
Rhame city, North Dakota	163	162	158	158	156
Medora city, North Dakota	117	115	118	125	155
Christine city, North Dakota	150	152	150	151	151
Willow City city, North Dakota	151	151	152	150	149
Streeter city, North Dakota	150	149	150	148	148
Kensal city, North Dakota	149	148	149	147	147
Makoti city, North Dakota	151	151	149	146	145
Bowdon city, North Dakota	139	138	136	137	139
Carpio city, North Dakota	144	144	142	139	138
Edmore city, North Dakota	141	140	140	139	138
Lignite city, North Dakota	140	139	137	136	136
Noonan city, North Dakota	137	138	137	136	134
Columbus city, North Dakota	136	136	133	132	131
Tolna city, North Dakota	133	132	133	132	131
Wing city, North Dakota	134	135	133	132	131
Upham city, North Dakota	136	135	133	132	130
Pick City city, North Dakota	124	124	126	128	128
Gardner city, North Dakota	129	129	128	127	127
Mercer city, North Dakota	89	90	101	113	125
Marion city, North Dakota	123	124	121	121	124
Reeder city, North Dakota	127	126	125	123	124
Hannaaford city, North Dakota	127	126	124	123	123

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Adams city, North Dakota	125	124	124	124	122
Palermo city, North Dakota	127	126	126	121	122
Portal city, North Dakota	123	123	121	119	119
Selfridge city, North Dakota	127	126	122	120	118
Crary city, North Dakota	114	113	113	112	112
Galesburg city, North Dakota	115	115	114	114	112
Crystal city, North Dakota	114	114	113	112	111
Forest River city, North Dakota	108	107	107	113	111
Goodrich city, North Dakota	111	110	110	112	110
Wildrose city, North Dakota	113	114	107	105	110
Oriska city, North Dakota	110	110	109	108	108
Lankin city, North Dakota	105	105	104	104	103
Osnabrock city, North Dakota	106	105	105	103	103
Ryder city, North Dakota	108	108	106	105	103
Bisbee city, North Dakota	107	106	106	101	100
Sykeston city, North Dakota	103	102	100	100	99
Almont city, North Dakota	96	96	97	96	98
Fort Ransom city, North Dakota	95	95	100	101	98
Starkweather city, North Dakota	99	99	98	98	97
Glenfield city, North Dakota	95	94	96	96	95
Marmarth city, North Dakota	100	99	98	96	95
Newburg city, North Dakota	95	95	96	94	94
Oberon city, North Dakota	97	96	94	94	93
Sheldon city, North Dakota	95	95	95	94	93
White Earth city, North Dakota	100	99	97	93	93
Spiritwood Lake city, North Dakota	92	91	92	91	92
Deering city, North Dakota	94	93	92	91	90
Fingal city, North Dakota	94	94	93	93	90
Rocklake city, North Dakota	95	94	94	91	90
Ross city, North Dakota	93	93	91	88	90
Douglas city, North Dakota	93	93	91	90	89
Esmond city, North Dakota	92	91	89	89	88
Pisek city, North Dakota	89	89	88	88	87
Dodge city, North Dakota	88	88	86	86	86
Maxbass city, North Dakota	87	87	88	86	86
Montpelier city, North Dakota	87	87	87	86	86
Golva city, North Dakota	82	81	84	85	85
Karlsruhe city, North Dakota	89	88	87	86	85
Sharon city, North Dakota	88	88	89	86	85
Amenia city, North Dakota	85	85	84	84	84
Buchanan city, North Dakota	85	85	85	84	84
Lehr city, North Dakota	83	82	83	82	82
Zeeland city, North Dakota	84	83	83	83	82
Epping city, North Dakota	82	83	78	77	79
Dwight city, North Dakota	79	79	79	79	78
Dazey city, North Dakota	77	77	77	76	75
Dawson city, North Dakota	75	74	74	74	73
Donnybrook city, North Dakota	76	76	75	74	73
Pekin city, North Dakota	72	71	73	72	72
Cogswell city, North Dakota	72	71	71	71	70
Butte city, North Dakota	68	68	68	69	68
Havana city, North Dakota	68	67	67	69	68
Mantador city, North Dakota	69	69	69	69	68
Mountain city, North Dakota	81	81	71	68	68
Benedict city, North Dakota	65	65	65	66	66
Coleharbor city, North Dakota	58	59	61	63	65
Hague city, North Dakota	67	67	66	66	65
Solen city, North Dakota	70	70	67	66	65
Kathryn city, North Dakota	65	65	65	64	64
Jud city, North Dakota	64	64	64	62	63
McHenry city, North Dakota	63	63	64	64	63
Sentinel Butte city, North Dakota	62	61	64	64	63
Cleveland city, North Dakota	55	55	58	59	61
Flaxton city, North Dakota	63	63	62	61	61
Martin city, North Dakota	62	62	61	62	61
Balta city, North Dakota	62	62	61	61	60
Hurdsfield city, North Dakota	63	63	62	61	60
Pettibone city, North Dakota	59	59	58	58	58
Tuttle city, North Dakota	59	59	58	58	58
Verona city, North Dakota	58	58	58	58	58
Fullerton city, North Dakota	58	57	57	57	57
North River city, North Dakota	57	57	57	56	56
Prairie Rose city, North Dakota	56	56	56	55	55
Alamo city, North Dakota	54	54	52	51	53
Briarwood city, North Dakota	54	54	54	53	53
Grace City city, North Dakota	53	53	52	54	53
Great Bend city, North Dakota	52	52	52	52	51
Dickey city, North Dakota	46	46	46	49	50
Warwick city, North Dakota	52	52	50	50	50
Bathgate city, North Dakota	49	49	49	48	48
Nome city, North Dakota	51	51	51	50	48
Rogers city, North Dakota	49	49	49	48	48
Woodworth city, North Dakota	46	46	46	45	45
Pingree city, North Dakota	42	42	42	43	43
Voltaire city, North Dakota	45	45	44	44	43
Wolfford city, North Dakota	44	44	43	43	43
Barney city, North Dakota	41	41	41	41	42
Hamilton city, North Dakota	43	43	43	42	42
Niagara city, North Dakota	43	43	42	42	42
Tolley city, North Dakota	42	42	42	41	42
Alice city, North Dakota	42	42	42	41	41
Milton city, North Dakota	42	42	41	41	40
Souris city, North Dakota	39	39	39	39	39
Cayuga city, North Dakota	39	39	39	38	38
Forbes city, North Dakota	39	39	38	38	38
Fredonia city, North Dakota	38	38	38	37	38
Landa city, North Dakota	38	38	38	38	38
Courtenay city, North Dakota	38	38	38	38	37
Inkster city, North Dakota	38	38	37	37	37
Robinson city, North Dakota	36	36	35	36	35
Regan city, North Dakota	35	35	35	34	34

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Ardoch city, North Dakota	32	32	32	33	33
Alsen city, North Dakota	33	33	33	32	32
Springbrook city, North Dakota	32	32	30	31	32
Brocket city, North Dakota	32	32	32	31	31
Canton City (Hensel) city, North Dakota	32	32	32	32	31
Berlin city, North Dakota	30	30	30	30	30
Egeland city, North Dakota	32	32	32	31	30
Nekoma city, North Dakota	31	31	31	30	30
Brinsmade city, North Dakota	30	30	29	29	29
Clifford city, North Dakota	29	29	29	29	29
Fortuna city, North Dakota	30	30	30	30	29
Monango city, North Dakota	30	30	29	29	29
Fairdale city, North Dakota	28	28	28	28	27
Hampden city, North Dakota	28	28	28	28	27
Leith city, North Dakota	27	27	27	26	26
Luverne city, North Dakota	26	26	26	26	26
Kramer city, North Dakota	24	24	24	24	24
Leal city, North Dakota	24	24	24	24	24
Armidon city, North Dakota	24	24	23	23	23
Gardena city, North Dakota	23	23	23	23	23
Elliott city, North Dakota	22	22	22	22	22
Antler city, North Dakota	20	20	20	21	21
Cathay city, North Dakota	22	22	22	22	21
Knox city, North Dakota	21	21	20	20	20
Venturia city, North Dakota	20	20	20	20	20
Gascoyne city, North Dakota	20	20	19	19	19
Sibley city, North Dakota	19	19	19	19	19
Mylo city, North Dakota	19	19	19	18	18
Ambrose city, North Dakota	17	17	17	17	17
Braddock city, North Dakota	16	16	16	17	17
Lawton city, North Dakota	17	17	17	17	17
Ludden city, North Dakota	17	17	17	17	17
Pillsbury city, North Dakota	16	16	16	16	16
Sarles city, North Dakota	17	17	17	16	16
Balfour city, North Dakota	16	16	16	15	15
Bucyrus city, North Dakota	15	15	15	14	15
Hansboro city, North Dakota	16	16	16	15	15
Haynes city, North Dakota	15	15	15	15	15
Conway city, North Dakota	13	13	13	13	14
York city, North Dakota	14	14	14	14	14
Calvin city, North Dakota	14	14	14	13	13
Hamberg city, North Dakota	12	12	12	12	12
Ayr city, North Dakota	11	11	11	11	11
Bergen city, North Dakota	12	12	12	12	11
Grano city, North Dakota	10	10	10	10	10
Lorraine city, North Dakota	10	10	10	10	10
Overly city, North Dakota	10	10	10	10	10
Wales city, North Dakota	9	9	9	9	9
Kief city, North Dakota	8	8	8	8	8
Loma city, North Dakota	8	8	8	8	8
Hannah city, North Dakota	7	7	7	7	7
Calio city, North Dakota	5	5	5	5	5
Perth city, North Dakota	5	5	5	5	5
Ruso city, North Dakota	5	5	5	5	5
Vintage 2023 data products are associated with Data Management System projects P-6000042, P-7501659, and P-7527355. The U.S. Census Bureau reviewed these data products for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and approved the disclosure avoidance practices applied to this release (CBDRB-FY24-0085).					
Note: The estimates are based on the 2020 Census and reflect changes to the April 1, 2020 population due to the Count Question Resolution and Post-Census Group Quarters Review programs, geographic program revisions, and the application of disclosure avoidance to protect confidentiality. For population estimates methodology statements, see https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology.html . All geographic boundaries for the 2023 population estimates series are as of January 1, 2023. For updates on Legal Boundary Change/Annexation Data, see https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-files/time-series/geo/bas/annex.html . Additional information on these localities can be found in the Geographic Boundary Change Notes (see https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/technical-documentation/boundary-change-notes.html).					
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