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Honorable Members of the House Political Subdivision Committee

Subject: Urging a “Do Pass” Vote on SB2158

Chariman Longmuir and Members of the Committee-

Hi, I am Tammy Berg and I am here to tell you about my school. I have lived in Edmore my whole life, graduated 51 years ago and the school is in just as good shape, with a few updates.

It was hard enough when our school closed, but now we are discussing with worry, about our beautiful building being closed forever, if the city were not to receive the funds necessary to maintain its existence.

The intent is to turn this building into a community center, in which it would be handicap accessible, large dining area with a beautiful and very usable kitchen, very well kept bathrooms, a gym that still could be used for basketball games, a workout area with all the equipment you could ever need, and rooms on the main floor that could be used for meetings, small businesses, etc. You can eat off the floors if that's your thing. The school still has a lot of life, many many years if loved and maintained. It would be used for future meetings, fundraisers, possibly a store, or even a café in the future. Our store is old and the owner is looking to retire; everything is already at the school facility to handle both of these. The possibilities are endless. Our building is much too nice to sit empty and deteriorate.

As we come together to keep our city building beautiful and very usable, please consider passing SB2158 and let us continue to have a community building, the money to maintain it, and to promote community togetherness.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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