

Dear Senate Transportation Committee,

Please DO NOT PASS HB1444

What is a township?

Townships are local democratic governments established by law. Townships serve the public by overseeing roads, providing tax assessments, land use planning (zoning), and representation for township citizen's issues and concerns.

From my understanding this bill was only introduced, due to discussions between one township and one county in North Dakota who have differences. Sometimes we don't always need to be 'Bobbleheads' in the room when important issues are being discussed.

Perhaps the township and county could engage in discussions with both the North Dakota Township Association & North Dakota Association of Counties.

To take away the voice of local government due to one case or for the sake of discussion perhaps even a handful, could appear to be an overreach of authority. We need to allow local political subdivisions to remain at the table to find a healthy resolve, that is satisfactory to both parties, without interference from our State. God knows we have bigger issues at hand that deserve your time which will better serve the transportation needs of North Dakota people.

Respectfully,

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