

Dear Senators,

I urge you to **Vote NO** on **HB 1444**.

Once again, we are faced with a bill that seeks to strip power from local governments. Townships have long been a cornerstone of North Dakota's development, and this bill undermines their ability to govern effectively.

It is striking that 1.5 miles of township road has suddenly become a legislative priority, when money is involved. This road has always been within the township's jurisdiction, and it should remain that way. Local leaders, elected by their communities, have been working for decades to shape and maintain the state we are proud of today.

HB 1444 is unnecessary and harmful. It disregards the entire purpose of township supervisors, who were also elected to represent the best interests of their constituents.

I strongly urge you to **Vote NO** on **HB 1444**.

Thank you,
Cody M. Rupp