



# North Dakota Township Officers Association

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## **Senate Appropriations Committee**

### **In Support of HB 1380 with Senate Amendment**

Good afternoon Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. I am Larry Syverson, the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Township Officers Association. NDTOA represents the nearly 6,000 Township Officers that serve 1,317 organized ND Townships.

NDTOA very strongly supports the transfer of funds to the highway tax distribution fund for allocation under 54-27-19, which is found in Section 5 of HB 1380 as amended by the Senate.

This last December the membership of NDTOA voted to support a modest increase in the fuel tax. That is not because they favor tax increases but rather that they recognize the need for a growing investment in transportation infrastructure for the future of rural North Dakota. HB 1380, with the Senate amendment, would provide a similar stream of funds which will actually grow into the future.

Chairman Holmberg and committee members, Township Officers see the need for more investment in transportation infrastructure enough to support a tax increase. We ask for your favorable consideration for HB 1380 as amended as this will provide the funding without that tax increase.

Thank you, Chairman Holmberg and committee members; that concludes my prepared statement; I will try to answer any questions you may have.