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Senator Fred Girod
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RE: Support of SB 1585

Senator Girod,

On behalf of the City of Mill City, I would like to express our strong support of SB 1585. As a city with a population under 2500, Mill City faces significant infrastructure needs with much less revenue, resources and staff capacity than larger cities. Escalating infrastructure costs continue to place increased burdens on small city's already stretched budgets. The proposed legislation would provide a crucial boost.

SB 1585 is a well-structured approach to addressing funding disparities for capital projects. A population-based cap on matching funds allows for more local tax dollars to be allocated to essential infrastructure needs, providing small cities with financial relief and allowing cities to complete needed projects without the burden of excessive matching funds requirements, which can limit a community's ability to qualify for funding and keep imperative projects on hold for years while matching funds can be set aside.

The City of Mill City believes that SB 1585 will have a deep impact on small cities throughout the state and urges its passage this session.

Cordially,



Stacie Cook, MMC
City Recorder
City of Mill City