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Keep It Local Strengthens Efforts in Preserving Local Control and Services

NORTH DAKOTA – With the Secretary of State confirming the validity of signatures for the measure to eliminate property taxes in North Dakota, Keep It Local, a coalition representing diverse organizations across North Dakota, is intensifying its efforts to preserve essential local services and safeguard local control against the ballot measure.

Keep It Local remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring North Dakotans understand the profound consequences of eliminating property taxes. With no plan indicated for how the funds will be replaced, the vital role these taxes play in making North Dakota communities great places to live by funding essential services such as schools, public safety, infrastructure, and community services is in jeopardy.

"North Dakota faces a critical decision that will shape the future of our local communities," said Chad Oban, Keep It Local chair. "The measure to eliminate property tax threatens our ability to fund essential services locally, tasks our state legislature with covering a funding gap of approximately \$1.3 billion per year, and jeopardizes the quality of life we cherish in our neighborhoods and towns."

As the November General Election approaches, Keep It Local encourages North Dakotans to stay informed about the issues at stake and to engage in discussions about the future of local governance and fiscal responsibility.

The coalition has gained significant support from a wide array of organizations and citizens across the state who recognize the importance of preserving local control and maintaining the quality of life North Dakotans have come to expect. Currently the coalition has 73 members and continues to grow.

For more information on Keep It Local, visit <https://www.keepitlocalnd.org> or follow the coalition on Facebook [keepitlocalnorthdakota], Twitter [keepitlocalnd] and LinkedIn [Keep it Local ND].

Keep It Local Coalition Membership

Agriculture/Energy/Natural Resources

- Lignite Energy Council
- ND Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives
- ND Farmers Union
- ND Corn Growers Association
- ND Grain Growers Association
- ND Petroleum Council
- ND Soybean Growers Association
- ND Stockmen's Association
- ND Water Users Association

Associations/Nonprofit Organizations

- AARP ND
- American Council of Engineering Companies North Dakota
- The Associated General Contractors of ND
- Broadband Association of ND
- Economic Development Association of ND
- ND AFL-CIO
- ND Association of Counties
- ND County Auditors and Treasurers Association
- ND League of Cities
- ND Recreation and Park Association
- ND Retail Lumber Association
- ND Township Officer Association
- Valley Prosperity Partnership
- Vision West
- Western Dakota Energy Association

Chambers

- Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC
- Devils Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Dickinson Area Chamber
- Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo Chamber
- Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Chamber
- Greater North Dakota Chamber
- Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce
- Minot Area Chamber EDC
- Williston Area Chamber

Education

- ND Association of Secondary School Principals

- ND Association of County Superintendents
- ND Association of Elementary School Principals
- ND Association of School Administrators
- ND Association of School Business Officials
- ND Association of Technology Leaders
- ND Career and Technology Education Administrators
- ND Council of Educational Leaders
- ND Library Association
- ND of Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
- ND Regional Education Association Leaders
- ND School Boards Association
- ND Small Organized Schools
- ND Special Education Study Council
- ND Student Activity Association
- ND Student Honor Society
- ND United

Health Care

- Health Policy Consortium
- Minnesota Nurses Association
- ND Hospital Association
- ND Long Term Care Association
- ND Medical Association
- ND Senior Service Providers
- ND State Association of City & County Health Officials

Public Safety

- Chiefs of Police Association of ND
- ND EMS Association
- ND Fire Chief's Association
- ND Sheriffs and Deputies Association
- Professional Firefighters of ND

Real Estate

- Bismarck/Mandan Board of Realtors
- Building Industry Association of the Red River Valley
- Fargo Moorhead Area Association of Realtors
- Grand Forks Area Association of Realtors
- High Plains Association of REALTORS
- Minot Association of Builders
- Minot Board of Realtors
- ND Association of Builders
- ND Association of Realtors
- Williston Board of Realtors