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Mayor Chuck Barney
City of Minot
515 2nd Ave SW
Minot, ND 58702

Dear Mayor Barney,

I am pleased to offer my strong support to the city in its efforts on the National Disaster Resiliency Competition. This competition provides a unique opportunity for the city and region to evaluate its next stages in the recovery from the historic 2011 flood and ensure measures undertaken build disaster resiliency, which ultimately will improve the quality of life for residents and businesses for years to come.

The city's focus on flood protection, affordable housing, economic diversification, infrastructure, and support for vulnerable populations are the cornerstones for providing security for residents and businesses and making sure the community reduces the impacts from future disasters. A key component of this effort is providing the flood infrastructure, greenways, and removal of homes and other structures in order to enhance protection to area residents and businesses from flood threats. In addition, broadening the region's economic base through the redevelopment of unused and underutilized buildings downtown will foster continued growth and diversification while also promoting livability. Finally, to be a strong, resilient community, affordable housing is necessary to keep families and other vulnerable populations an integral part of the region and make sure their needs are addressed.

I applaud the city for its efforts and believe these projects can provide for a more resilient future for the citizens of Minot, and they have my enthusiastic support.

Sincerely,



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