

## Office of the Governor



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Scott Decker Jason Fridrich Robert Baer Joe Ridl Russ Murphy **Dickinson City Commission** 38 1st St W Dickinson, ND 58601

Dear Dickinson City Commission:

I write in support of the United Way of Dickinson's proposed care center.

As you know, I am proud to call Dickinson my hometown. It's where our family business is, where I started my family, and where I volunteered in the community, including as a youth baseball coach and on the local fire department. Dickinson is a place where people dream big and don't hesitate to help their neighbors in need.

This proposed facility at the former Evergreen Senior Living Facility is an opportunity to realize big dreams and light the path to recovery and reentry in western North Dakota. This project fits perfectly with the goals of my administration to reduce recidivism and provide services for the people in our communities who need them the most.

Opportunities like this don't come around often. United Way is a willing operator with a location that works, filling a community need. Dickinson is likely to be a model for the state. This project will improve collaboration across the continuum of care, helping people safely get back on their feet, which ultimately saves the taxpayers money by reducing homelessness and incarceration, both of which are costly issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. I ask that you support this proposed care center as we work to make our state a better place for all North Dakotans.

Kelly Armstrong

Governor of North Dakota