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City of Dickinson Planning and Zoning Commission 38 1<sup>st</sup> Street West Dickinson, ND 58601

ATTENTION: Natalie Birchak, City Planner

RE: SUP-002-2025

Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

We have attended both the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on May 14, 2025 and the United Way Community Engagement Meeting on May 28, 2025. A considerable amount of time was allocated at both meetings detailing the need for a group living facility in Dickinson/Southwest North Dakota to include drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment on an inpatient basis, inpatient treatment of those with mental issues, rooms to house the homeless, and space to operate the House of Manna. The issue is not the need for this type of facility. The issue is the above-referenced Special Use Permit application requesting that the facility be allowed to locate at 2143 6th Avenue West, immediately adjacent to a residential area classified as ASFR (Attached Single Family Residence) and in close proximity to a predominantly residential (R-1) neighborhood.

Current city ordinances, as detailed in the Dickinson Municipal Code, and put in place to protect owners and their properties, do not allow this usage pertinent to the current zoning of the property. Additionally, a Special Use Permit has never been granted by the City of Dickinson to allow an exception to city ordinances for a group living facility.

We have heard concerns from our neighborhood, both residential and business, and from residents throughout Dickinson, all stakeholders who will impacted. You have heard our concerns, and we don't feel the need to belabor them. We do ask that everyone address the issue at hand, which is not the need for this facility or what may become of the building if this proposal is denied or where this facility might be located if not here. The issue is the numerous concerns and negative impacts of locating this facility at 2143 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

We are, regrettably, unable to attend the June 11, 2025 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, but respectfully request that your recommendation to the City Commission be denial of SUP-002-2025.

Sincerely,

Gene Miller

Jackie Miller