March 25, 2021

To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; Honorable Chari Witt, and members of the Committee

RE: House Bill 3173

Chair Witt,

Writing letters is not my forte, but I do enjoy making my opinion known. I am writing in support of HB 3173. I am asking you to support it also.

Our Fair grounds are used year round by 4-H and FFA kids, the medical community (currently being used for COVID vaccinations - at no charge to them), emergency Incident Command posts, family get-togethers, rodeo events, children's fairs, church meetings, walking, training for Search & Rescue dogs, our County Fair, and <u>much more</u>.

Additional funding is imperative to the upkeep of the grounds and buildings. Currently many projects would be categorized in the "deferred maintenance" column as there is just not enough funding to accomplish what needs to be done.

What a great opportunity to use funds already being collected to support an entity which in counties like ours, has a broad reach of need to people of all ages. Funds that will ensure we are ready for any need that arises.

Thank you for supporting HB 3173.

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