

Date: March 14, 2022

To: Chairman Petersen

From: Debra Teufel, Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce President & CEO

Re: HB2633

On behalf of the Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce, we are submitting written testimony in support of HB 2633 regarding motor vehicles relating to distinctive license plates in the City of Hutchinson.

In 2019, a group of local citizens passionate about our community spent the better part of 12 months reviewing more than 50 designs as our official Hutchinson flag. Since that time, our community has embraced the official flag, which offers three panels of blue, yellow and white along with an eight-pointed star, with tremendous pride.

Since adopted, our official city flag has provided another way to further enhance our community pride across all sectors of Hutchinson. The identity it creates truly sets us apart from other communities.

HB 2633 is a collaboration between the Hutch Rec Foundation and City of Hutchinson. Proceeds from these license plates will support the Hutchinson parks and recreation system, which is an important component for our local citizens as well as out-of-county and out-of-state visitors. The Hutch Rec Foundation is a 501c3 whose mission is to support Hutch Rec by advocating for program improvements and recreational opportunities through charitable giving.

We urge the Senate Committee on Transportation to consider passing this bill and allowing distinctive license plates for the City of Hutchinson.