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**RE: Solicitation for comment to the Draft Programmatic Agreement, BNSF Bismarck Bridge**

Ms. Angel,

Preservation North Dakota appreciates the opportunity to review the draft Programmatic Agreement for the BNSF Bismarck Bridge project and we are especially appreciative of the time given for us to do so. As you are already aware, this issue means a great deal to us and to the members of our organization. As North Dakota's only statewide non-profit dedicated to historic preservation, we take our role as advocates very seriously, even more so when such an iconic structure is the subject of discussion. We considered the draft very carefully and do have a number of requested revisions to the PA. We consulted with several board members of Friends of the Rail Bridge for their expertise in drafting this type of document. We have included our comments, along with several revisions recommended by Friends of the Rail Bridge, which we found to be agreeable to our purpose.

I hope our comments will be helpful in guiding further consultation. Our board looks forward to learning what other interested parties have to say about this draft agreement. Even more, we look forward to continued cooperation with all parties toward a shared goal—to ensure the invaluable history and heritage of this community, state, and nation, as embodied in our important places, receives proper consideration under the law.

I thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions or require further clarification on our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly as my board has named me as the POC on this matter.

Emily Sakariassen  
President, PND

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