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To: House Committee on Transportation

From: Anthony T Finlay, Executive Director

Re: **HB 2633**

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Anthony Finlay the executive director of the Hutchinson Recreation Commission (Hutch Rec) and board member of the Hutch Rec Foundation. Thank you for the opportunity to come before the committee to provide comments in support of HB 2633, that would allow Hutchinson residents the opportunity to support parks and recreation services through the purchase of a Hutchinson license plate with the design of the Hutch Flag.

The Hutchinson City Council adopted the Hutch Flag in December 2018 after an extensive community engagement process. Since that time, the Hutch Flag has become a part of Hutchinson's identity. You will find the flag in murals, front yards, and windows of businesses around Hutchinson. It has become a source of community pride.

The Hutch Rec Foundation was established in 1992 to support the work of Hutch Rec by advocating for parks and recreation system improvements through charitable giving. The collaboration with the city of Hutchinson to use the Hutch Flag for the design of a Hutchinson license plate will provide residents a way to financially support efforts to improve our parks and recreation system, while displaying community pride.

On behalf of the Hutchinson Recreation Commission and Hutch Rec Foundation we support the legislation necessary to approve a Hutchinson license plate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Anthony T Finlay, CPRP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ATF", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Executive Director