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Mayor Sam Kooiker and Rapid City Council 300 6th Street Rapid City, SD 57701

Subject: Opposition to added powers for Human Relations Commission.

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I represent the South Dakota Associated General Contractors Highway-Heavy-Utility Chapter and its membership throughout the Rapid City community. I have been instructed to send you a letter expressing the opposition of AGC to the pending additional powers to the Human Relations Commission relating to alleged discrimination. There are currently more than adequate federal and state remedies available for any alleged discrimination on any grounds. The AGC does not believe there is any justification whatsoever for adding this additional burden on businesses in the Rapid City community. The AGC respectfully requests that you reject any additional powers concerning the Commission's right to get involved in alleged discriminatory matters in this community.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Schmidt

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cc: Nathan Reede Toby Crow