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It has come to my attention that HB 2 is currently at the point of public hearing. I understand that there were some concerns about Main Street funding expressed by the Joint Appropriations subcommittee as a part of that bill. Miles City is currently exploring the possibility of using this program to help revitalize the downtown. I have 10+ years of planning background dealing with historic preservation. I know from that experience that the Main Street program has a proven track record. It is not just a preservation tool but is an economic development tool. This is what makes it so valuable. Any tool that has an economic benefit to this State is worth funding. Miles City, like much of Montana has a tourism component as a part of the economy that we rely on. Main Street funding is frequently used to supplement programs that draw tourists.

I would therefore like to comment that this funding should be left intact as a benefit to both Miles City and the rest of Montana.

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