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Issue Dickinson, North Dakota, is where I live, and the community has experienced a large influx of citizens these past couple years, fueled quite literally by the Bakken oil formation, which is right in the Heart of Southwest North Dakota. As a result, our schools are over capacity and we are in dire need of a new middle school. The community needs to pass a bond issue in order for it to be built.

Project Description I have been involved with Dickinson's "vote yes" committee, which is comprised of leaders throughout the community who are passionate about this issue. It is made up of business owners, teachers and even state representatives and senators. We have been broken up into several committees, all of which contribute a key part to passing the bond issue. The voting will take place on October 7, and we are proposing a \$65 million bond. We need to pass the issue with a 60% yes vote in order for the bond to be approved. We have been coordinating with businesses, newspapers, school officials and town officials in order to promote our "vote yes" message. I am a member of the speaking engagement subcommittee, and we have to set up meetings to talk to businesses and ask for their support. I specifically have gone to the American Legion post in my town, and acted as the representative on the committee for Dickinson high school. This project truly represents doing one's civic duty to the community. I have gotten to know Dickinson better, and have gotten to work with some of my town's most esteemed leaders and individuals. My involvement with the project has been superb.

Project Outcome The project represents a work in progress, and I won't know the results of our work until October 7, when the issue is voted upon. We have made lots of progress so far, and I look forward to seeing the result. I think it will be a favorable one.

Request I would like to ask my Senator what issues or bills that they feel most strongly about. What issues are they continuing to fight for in Washington?