
From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
<bcrccomments@iowa.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: IUB--carbon capture pipeline objection
[REDACTED]

IOWA—I was born and raised in western Iowa. I love the rolling hills, creeks, rivers, ponds, lakes and all the wildlife roaming its areas. First they put up these giant wind turbines and now I have these giant objects ruining the landscape where the land meets the sky/clouds. Now, they want to construct huge pipelines throughout our farmland for 'carbon capture'????? This is insane. No one cares...."Oh, it is just Iowa." Our country is in real trouble..our values are being changed/destroyed. It is time we take back Iowa!!! I respect our Governor and I believe she is a hard worker and does a great job for Iowa. It is time to "remove IUB'S ability to make this decision" to ok these horrendous/dangerous pipelines to crisscross our state. It is time to step us and STOP this destruction of our gorgeous and beautiful state. If this is allowed, it will be regretted and too late to 'turn back the clock'. Wake up and save our beautiful state from these atrocities. It is time for the Governor to stop this destruction. What next???? [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
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Subject: IUB (Iowa Utilities Board)
Date: Sun Sep 03 2023 17:07:31 CDT
Attachments:

To the Boards and Commissions Review Committee,

Please do not eliminate the Iowa Utilities Board because this organization helps to make sure that the citizens of Iowa have fair prices for all of their utilities.

However, please change the rules so that the three members of the IUB are "elected" by the citizens of Iowa, "not appointed" by the Governor of Iowa.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCComments@iowa.gov
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Cc:
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Subject: State Board reorganization
Date: Mon Sep 04 2023 10:28:33 CDT
Attachments:

Thank you for "cleaning house!"
I support the list of eliminations.

I urge the Utilities Board to be modified to become publicly elected positions and increase to 9 members representing more of the state of Iowa. Requirements of land ownership be added to be a Board member.

Thank you
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
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Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: SUMMIT PIPELINE
Date: Mon Sep 04 2023 10:31:20 CDT
Attachments:

Take away the IUB ability to decide for hundreds of lowans who will lose not only their land but also theirs lives to this boondoggle!

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From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
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Subject: Comments on What Should Be Done.
Date: Tue Sep 05 2023 11:09:32 CDT
Attachments:

I am a Woodbury County landowner.

I object to all Co2 Pipelines. They mean PERMANENT DESTRUCTION, RISKS, and OWNERSHIP of Iowa land.

ONCE DONE, THEY CAN NOT BE UNDONE. THESE PIPELINES WILL DICTATE WHAT CAN BE DONE IN IOWA INTO THE FUTURE. THEY WILL DESTROY IOWA AND THE HEARTLAND.

THERE ARE REAL ANSWERS FOR CO2 ON SITE. Co2 pipelines use 'technology' that has FAILED TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS and merely extends the life of the ethanol industry. Why should we bear the risk and they get the rewards whether it ruptures or not? We shouldn't.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

NO EMINENT DOMAIN. THE DEFINITION SHOULD NOT BE STRETCHED. THIS SHOULD BE PUT TO THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

THE IUB MEMBERS SHOULD BE ELECTED BY THE PUBLIC. WILL THEY MONITOR AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THESE PIPELINES FOREVER? Will they control any sales or content? Will they provide warning sirens and post information about the pipeline locations? Will the state supply the counties with plume information and expensive response equipment and health services? Will the pipelines have liability insurance to cover their actions? The list goes on.

South Dakota's elected three-member Public Utilities Commissioners have staggered, six-year terms supported by a dedicated staff of professionals. The Public Service Commission of North Dakota also contains three members who are elected state-wide to terms of 6 years. They take an active role in protecting consumers by ensuring utilities follow rules. They are constantly looking out for the interests of North Dakotans and have not caved to big money pressure. Right now, Iowans don't have a voice.

THE OCA MEMBERS SHOULD BE ELECTED BY THE PUBLIC. Attorney Ryon should be allowed to participate and support the taxpaying landowners. That is what all members of the OCA should be doing. CHECK OUT THEIR DUTIES LISTED ON LINE. Voices need to be heard.

Summit is fast tracking their application by avoiding safety rules and new on-site innovations. They don't want plume models. The plumes would be much larger than previous plumes because of the extreme pressure, the varying size of the pipe, temperature, wind, elevation, etc.

PEOPLE NEED TO VOTE FOR THOSE WHO REPRESENT THEM. Senate members complained they were not allowed to vote on a bill that would restrict eminent domain. Two people would not bring the bill to a vote. THE BALLOT BOX SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY ANSWER.

DONATIONS FOR POLITICAL CLOUT SHOULD BE TRACKED

PIPELINE INVESTORS' BACKGROUNDS SHOULD BE CHECKED. Foreign ownership and criminal backgrounds need to be examined. The Heartland of America is at stake and at least one person with criminal dealings with the United States Government is on Summit's list.

EXAMINE THE WARNINGS AND LOOK AT NEW, EFFECTIVE, NONDESTRUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL WORK ON THE SITES OF THESE PLANTS. Pipelines require large amounts of water and electricity from the counties and permanently claim and destroy land. One new capture system uses an electrochemical cell that can easily grab and release CO₂. The device operates at room temperature and requires less energy than conventional, amine-based carbon-capture systems.

DENY THESE PIPELINES. THEY WILL PERMANENTLY DESTROY PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD AND PLACE EXTREME RISKS ON THE PEOPLE OF THE HEARTLAND. The private money grabbing investors know this, but don't care.

From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
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Subject: Elections vs. appointments
Date: Tue Sep 05 2023 13:34:02 CDT
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I feel that the IUB as well as some other state officials should be elected rather than appointed. Therefore these officials might be more inclined to do the will of the people --rather than the person (governor) who appointed them. I own farmland in Shelby County and am highly disappointed and disgusted with the actions of the IUB.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment for State Committee re-org
[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern--

Please see the attached comment for the Iowa Professional Firefighters.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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Iowa Professional Fire Fighters
I.A.F.F. A-0014
President Ryan Hanghian • S/T Brandon Pflanzler



Submitted to the Boards and Commissions Reorganization Committee

From: [REDACTED] President of Iowa Professional Fire Fighters

Date: September 6, 2023

First, IPFF would acknowledge that state government must operate efficiently. IPFF also appreciates that the 411 Retirement Systems Board is left unchanged by this proposal.

IPFF is monitoring the changes to the following Boards and Commissions:

- Item 118 reorganizes the Fire Service and Emergency Response Council
- Item 142 consolidates / merges the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
- Item 171 eliminates the 911 Communication Council.
- Item 204 reorganizes the Public Employment Relations Board

IPFF would request that it be consulted and included in the discussions about what the committee is considering regarding the disposition of these Boards and Commissions as they directly relate to the performance of duty of fire fighters and emergency medical responders.

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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To: BCRCCOMMENTS@iowa.gov
<bcrccomments@iowa.gov>

Cc: John Cacciatore
<john.cacciatore@policyworksllc.com>

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Subject: Written comments for the Board and Commission Review Committee

Date: Tue Sep 05 2023 16:56:32 CDT

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2023-09-05.docx

Attached, please find our written comments addressed to Director Kraig Paulsen, Chairman of the Board and Commission Review Committee. Our comments are with specific regard to the Committee's recommendation regarding the Alcoholic Beverages Division.

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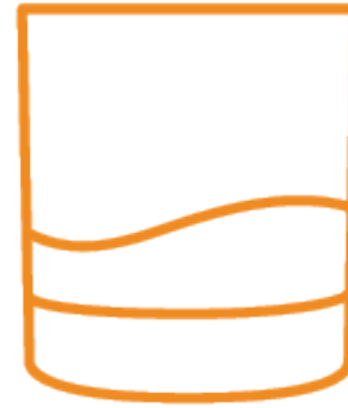
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OF THE UNITED STATES

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September 5, 2023

Director Kraig Paulsen
Chairman, Iowa Board and Commission Review Committee

Dear Director Paulsen:

On behalf of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS), a national trade association representing producers and marketers of distilled spirits sold in the United States, I write to you to comment regarding the recommendation made by the Iowa Board and Commission Review Committee (BCRC) with regard to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD).

DISCUS believes that it is always appropriate for state governments to reflect and review their constitutional and statutory charge and mission, organization, processes, procedures, and effectiveness to properly ensure that its citizens and regulated industries are being properly served. In that vein, we applaud the administration for the creation of the BCRC to examine the 256 state boards and commissions to determine whether changes are needed.

The ABD, of course, was part of this review. The BCRC made a recommendation of "Reorganize / Other Changes". While there could be reasons for changes to ABD, we simply do not know enough yet about what is envisioned for ABD to provide substantive comment at this point. We would note that there has already been a significant reorganization at ABD which was made earlier this year. Under legislation passed and signed into law, the ABD is now a part of the Department of Revenue.

We would note for the record that, generally speaking, ABD gets high marks from stakeholders that it licenses and regulates among all state alcohol regulatory and enforcement agencies. While there is always room for improvement, ABD has a demonstrated record of openness in its communications and workings with industry stakeholders, citizens, law enforcement, and public health organizations, and willingness to engage these groups in dialogue, and incorporate suggestions.

We look forward to following the BCRC's deliberations leading to the final report due later this month. We are available and willing to provide additional input and answer any questions that the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President and Head State Public Policy

From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
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Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Concern about elimination of Iowa Council on Homelessness
Date: Wed Sep 06 2023 07:07:17 CDT
Attachments:

Dear Committee:

My name is [REDACTED] and I chair the Iowa Council on Homelessness. Thank you all for the work you have undertaken to identify efficiencies among Iowa's many boards and commissions. You certainly had a daunting task! However, I write today to urge you to remove the Council from your list of recommended reductions to the current list of boards and commissions.

The Council has forever been somewhat unique in the mix of citizens and state offices represented among its membership. Last year, the Council underwent significant revision after a 2-year process of reducing membership from 39 to 20. This was necessary in order to make the Council manageable and focus on applying resources in an effective manner to Iowa's growing homelessness and affordable housing needs. The Iowa Council on Homelessness now consists of citizens engaged in homeless services, those with lived experience and those agencies and offices (Departments of Education, HHS, Attorney General's Office) with resources that can be applied to homelessness, This coordination is crucial, as there is no other body, let alone commission or board, positioned to coordinate resources. So it is important for the Council to continue to exist and function in order to address Iowa's homelessness and affordable housing.

I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCComments@iowa.gov
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Subject: Boards and Commissions
Date: Wed Sep 06 2023 11:32:07 CDT
Attachments:

I would like to comment on the Iowa Utilities Board.

A few years ago, I took a personal problem to that Board where there are two (2) 50-pair telephone cables hanging over my house in Red Oak. In the winter, the lines sag to within a few inches of the roof. In the winter we have rain that freezes and forms icicles on these cables which are black and as soon as the sun warms the cables, the icicles drop onto my roof. This ruined the last roof with holes penetrating the shingles.

Century Link (formerly Qwest) offered to move the cables for \$5,000 (in 2010).

My position with IUB is that these cables do not meet IEEE standards, is not safe, and creates damage for me.

IUB reached out to the utility. I was not able to 'see' their response, but the reply I received from IUB was that they couldn't help.

Shocking to me - a utility does not meet electric standards and yet IUB would not help protect a nearly lifelong Iowan.

Please work to oversee their work to help ALL Iowans.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
<bcrccomments@iowa.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Iowa Utility Board
Date: Wed Sep 06 2023 11:42:43 CDT
Attachments: Iowa Proclamation Branstad.pdf

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

A recent flurry of activity has taken place in Iowa concerning CO2 pipelines, also known as liquefied CO2 pipelines.

There are many places who will accept CO2 to assist their business model.

We have no assurance that these pipelines are 'safe', even though we see photos of Mississippi where a CO2 pipeline failed covering a 3 mile diameter area.

Plants need CO2 to generate the O2 - oxygen - we need to breath for life itself.

Why is eminent domain even being discussed where a private, for profit corporation is the one profiting by that taking? Eminent domain was set up for 'the good of all' and logically to be used by, say, a government agency for expanding infrastructure, or the like.

We are guaranteed 'private property rights' -- I have attached a Proclamation from former Governor and Ambassador Terry Branstad restating those property rights.

Please strip the power of IUB where they intend to strip prime, fertile farmland from those people trying to make a living, support a family, and feed the world.

This is most urgent in nature and I am hopeful, this Committee will make the proper recommendation on the IUB.

Thank you, again, for this opportunity to be heard. And thank you for your work and time.

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State of Iowa Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Agenda 21 is a voluntary, comprehensive plan adopted at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, urging governments to regulate human activities that might affect the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa protect individual property rights and our individual liberties; and
- WHEREAS,** Article I, Section 1 of the Iowa Constitution provides that "All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights -- among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness."
- WHEREAS,** our state motto in Chapter 1A of the Code of Iowa reminds us of how important freedom is to all Iowans, "Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain"; and
- WHEREAS,** certain stated philosophical goals of Agenda 21 conflict with the protection of private property rights and individual liberty; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations Agenda 21 plan of "sustainable development" wrongly portrays the American way of life of private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership and individual travel choices, and privately owned farms as destructive to the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Agenda 21 is not binding on the United States or the State of Iowa, but any policies that might encroach on the freedom of Iowans should be carefully scrutinized in light of the constitutional protections afforded all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby continue to reaffirm the rights of all citizens recognized by the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Iowa in accordance with the above stated principles.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

Terry E. Branstad
TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST: *Matt Schultz*
MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE

From: [REDACTED]
To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov
<bcrccomments@iowa.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: IUB Board ruling on CO2 pipeline
Date: Wed Sep 06 2023 14:34:17 CDT
Attachments:

Dear BCRC,

I am writing to ask that you remove the ability of the IUB board to make the final decision on the CO2 Carbon Capture Pipelines in Iowa. This CO2 is not a utility. It is also not public. It is private for the benefit of a private company. That 3 members on the Iowa Utility Board should not have this much power to make a decision when 78% of Iowans oppose eminent domain being used for private purposes and who oppose the CO2 pipeline! This is the worst of all government policy and is akin to dictatorship!

Please at least have all decisions of the IUB Board be subject to review by the legislature! The legislature is to represent the people as our Constitution starts "We the people"! Instead the IUB Board is only appointed. This is not right!!

Please rectify this horrendous situation!

Praying you do the right thing!!

Sincerely;

[REDACTED]



Comments, BCRC <bcrccomments@iowa.gov>

Iowa council on homelessness - Public Comment for Meeting Today

1 message

Wed, Sep 13, 2023 at 10:13 AM

To: BCRCcomments@iowa.gov

Hello,

I strongly encourage the State of Iowa to keep its' Iowa council on homelessness intact. As the director of a non profit organization that seeks to end homelessness in Iowa I partner and regularly meet with several dozen other agencies to make impacts in our part of the state. This group of advocates for housing and homeless services has a member that is on the Iowa Council on Homelessness. We believe that this gives our group a voice and a connection at the state level. Please consider not only keeping this group, but strengthening it. By working together, we are able to create positive, cost saving impacts for families and the state.

A few points to consider:

- State funding to address homelessness is very limited. Shelter Assistance Fund grants each year typically total between \$1 and \$2 million. Without a body to advocate for funding, there is no voice for Iowans experiencing homelessness.

- State staffing to address homelessness is limited and spread across multiple agencies. The Council is specifically constituted to include representatives of state agencies engaged in addressing homelessness. Without the ICH, there would be no forum for coordinating communication and resources; leaving Iowa open to missing opportunities for much-needed federal resources.

- Governance and funding streams for HUD programs in Iowa are currently divided among four different units (Continuums of Care). The Council provides a venue for statewide planning and coordination leading to more efficient use of limited resources.

- The ICH has undergone extensive revision of structure and code in the past 3 years. These changes were designed to streamline the process for action, including expansion and coordination of resources. Eliminating the Council before it has a real chance to demonstrate added value under the new structure does not make sense.

- The bimonthly Council meetings are attended not only by the 20 appointed members; typical attendance is 35 – 50. These others include mostly homeless service providers who attend these meetings as the only regular convening of stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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Comments, BCRC <bcrccomments@iowa.gov>

Support for Iowa Council on Homelessness' Continued Existence

1 message

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 11:57 AM

To: "BCRCcomments@iowa.gov" <BCRCcomments@iowa.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

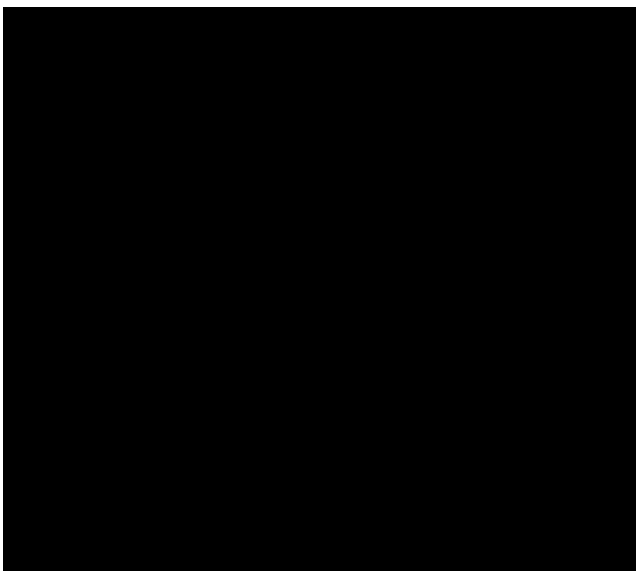
My name is Courtney Guntly and I work as the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Director, covering 96 counties (excluding Polk, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury). We serve as the planning organization for our geographic area and complete applications for federal housing assistance on behalf of our Continuum of Care (CoC). While we cover a majority of the state, we are by no means a statewide organization and rely on the Iowa Council of Homelessness to bring together the four CoCs operating within Iowa along with the state departments that help to serve homeless Iowans.

Homelessness is increasing in Iowa, and it is integral to have the opportunity to develop a plan with state departments, the CoCs, housing providers, and advocates. The Iowa Council on Homelessness is necessary to facilitate these conversations. In addition, the Council recently underwent a strategic plan and restructure, but has not had the opportunity to truly take action on the plan laid out by the consultant. The Council must have an opportunity to do the work.

A majority of states have an interagency council on homelessness that is supported by the state government. Of our neighbors, only South Dakota does not currently have an interagency council on homelessness; Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, and Wisconsin all have operating interagency homeless councils.

As homelessness increases across all counties in Iowa, it is more important than ever that the state supports the homeless services system. Very little state funding is provided to homeless services through the Shelter Assistance Fund (a percentage of the real estate transfer tax) and without additional funding, having a regular opportunity for collaboration through the Iowa Council on Homelessness is vital.

I urge you to remove the Iowa Council on Homelessness from the list of state boards that will be eliminated.



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Comments, BCRC <bcrccomments@iowa.gov>

Input on the Status of the Iowa Council on Homelessness

1 message

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 1:07 PM

To: "BCRCcomments@iowa.gov" <BCRCcomments@iowa.gov>

To Whom It May Concern:

As an Iowa resident and an employee that works within the homeless sector, I am submitting my comment today regarding the status of the Iowa Council on Homelessness (ICH) and urge the Board and Commissions Review Committee to consider continuing to support ICH. I have worked in the homeless sector for over 15 years in various levels from providing case management to advocacy across the state and have served as a former member of ICH.

On any given night there are over 2,700 people that are homeless in Iowa. Homelessness continues to be a concern across the state and having a statewide council is vital. To reference the finding noted that funding of current advisory boards are ineffective or inefficient: The ICH has undergone extensive revision of structure and code in the past 3 years. These changes were designed to streamline the process for action, including expansion and coordination of resources. Eliminating the Council before it has a real chance to demonstrate added value under the new structure does not make sense. ICH provides a venue for statewide planning and coordination leading to more efficient use of limited resources. To reference the finding regarding the participation: ICH meetings are attended not only by the 20 appointed members; typical attendance is 35 – 50. These others include mostly homeless service providers who attend these meetings as the only regular convening of community partners.

For the State to lead by example, we need to show initiative of how the state of Iowa is supporting people experiencing homelessness. This is an area where improvement is needed. Currently, state funding to address homelessness is extremely limited. Shelter Assistance Fund grants each year typically total between \$1 and \$2 million. Without a body to advocate for funding, there is no voice for Iowans experiencing homelessness. State staffing to address homelessness is limited and spread across multiple agencies. The Council is specifically constituted to include representatives of state agencies engaged in addressing homelessness. Without ICH, there would be no forum for coordinating communication and resources; leaving Iowa open to missing opportunities for much-needed federal resources and engaging other systems of care to work collaboratively on preventing and ending homelessness.

In hopes to build our homeless response system and the education and awareness of homelessness across the state, it is imperative to have ICH as a consistent entity in collaboratively providing advocacy, support, engagement, and coordination. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

