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that lay those guidelines out for those people. But here's what happened. A funny thing happened on the way to this revitalization effort. We're using it all over the state as an economic development tool. When you've got people in the city of Omaha, when you've got business people in the city of Omaha using that, using the statute to their benefit in order to move out of an area that needs revitalization and into an area that doesn't necessarily need it, you've got a problem. And guess what. It's not just a local problem; it's a state problem. Now, what we have in STAR bonding, whether you like it or not, is not that misleading. It's just not. It says, here's what we're going to use it for. And frankly, maybe two years down the road--Senator Flood pointed this out earlier--somebody is going to scratch their head and say, you know what, it was more misleading than we thought; let's take a step back and analyze what we've done, because we've made a mistake. But look, my reading in the statute, I don't believe that will necessarily happen. This is a tool. Remember what we're trying to accomplish with something like this. This is a tool designed--and others have used it--to promote incremental economic development: two years, four years, six years. You get up in a 747, or you got a satellite photo of these particular areas after X amount of time, and how they've grown. Now, we have to make the public policy decision out here whether that's a good thing to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: I would submit to you that I think that it is. Because, A, we are not driving down a road with our statutes that says, you know what, let's revitalize these blighted and substandard areas, which is what TIF says you have to do, let's revitalize these blighted and substandard areas. We're not saying that here. We're saying, here's a cornfield. Now, granted, some cornfields are blighted and substandard. But that's not what the statute meant, folks. Let's go and look at what we've got here in these areas, and see where that corridor development can occur. STAR bonding, I would submit, could do that. That's why I'm here. That's why I'm talking in a manner that would say, let's give a two-year shot at something like this, let's try it. Now, if I'm wrong, and I am still here