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Chairman Headland and House Finance and Taxation Committee Members,

On behalf of the members of the Lignite Energy Council, I am submitting testimony today in support of Senate Bill 2206.

This legislation would allow a public utility with a new or existing facility, that utilize lignite mined in North Dakota, to recover research and development costs to develop carbon dioxide capture and sequestration and provide a financial incentive set at a reasonable rate for power purchase agreements of a dispatchable on-demand generating unit, plant, or facility deemed to protect grid reliability.

The Lignite Energy Council appreciates Senator Bell and the North Dakota legislature for their continued support and recognition of the lignite industry's strong track record of success in providing affordable and reliable electricity, 13,000 jobs, and billions in economic activity to the State of North Dakota and the region.

For these reasons, the Lignite Energy Council supports SB2206 and we respectfully ask that the committee provide this legislation with a favorable "Do-Pass" recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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