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To: Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

RE: Support of Senate Bill 2152

From: Zac Smith, communications and government relations director, NDAREC

Chair Bell and members of the Senate Finance and Taxation committee, the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) represents sixteen electric distribution cooperatives and five generation and transmission cooperatives that generate, transmit, and distribute electricity across the state of North Dakota. NDAREC supports SB 2152 on behalf of its members.

North Dakota is a world leader in support for carbon capture, utilization, and storage. NDAREC's members seek technology solutions that can help position our facilities to bear the back-and-forth swings of carbon dioxide regulation. The state and the Legislature have led the way in partnering with industry to fund research and development into carbon capture. This CCUS projects are complex, expensive and risk intensive. In addition, as utilities that serve the rural population of North Dakota, NDAREC's members support efforts to advance agricultural interests and the ethanol industry. The targeted incentives within 2152 will help the ethanol industry and it will help coal, a resource that is under significant environmental pressure.

NDAREC asks for a DO PASS recommendation.

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