

Testimony by Shane Schulz
On behalf of
QEP Resources, Inc.
To the
Senate Finance and Taxation Committee
Hearing on Senate Bill 2319
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Good morning Mr. Chairman and Committee members. My name is Shane Schulz and I am the Director of Government Affairs and Senior Corporate Counsel for QEP (“QEP”) Resources, Inc. in Denver, Colorado. I urge you to support Senate Bill 2319.

QEP is an oil producer in North Dakota and Texas. We have a large lease position on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and enjoy working in North Dakota and on the reservation. We see the language in Senate Bill 2319 helping eliminate an unfair allocation methodology in the current Tax Agreement. The proposed amendment would require all wells that produce oil and gas from reservation lands be included in the Tax Agreement, including production from wellheads originating outside reservation boundaries. It would also be consistent with the modern definition of a Horizontal Well.

The MHA Nation entered into a new Tax Agreement during the last legislative session on the State’s promise that it would review the issue of border wells extracting reservation oil and gas. This is perfect opportunity to correct this situation that has deprived the MHA Nation of its fair share of tax revenue from these wells. We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to working with you in this effort.

I urge your support of Senate Bill 2319. By supporting this legislation, you will be supporting members of the Three Affiliated Tribe and helping to provide equity to the current Tax Agreement.

Thank you for your consideration.

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