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Energy and Natural Resources  
Testimony for SB 2301  
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Good afternoon, Chairman Kreun and members of the committee, thank you for taking my testimony into consideration today. My name is Troy Coons and I am the Chairman of the Northwest Landowners Association. Northwest Landowners Association represents over 560 farmers, ranchers, and property owners in North Dakota. Northwest Landowners Association is a nonprofit organization, and I am not a paid lobbyist.

Northwest Landowners Association has many members impacted by wind development. Although this bill is not exactly related to property rights, we do generally support the use of local labor. Particularly with respect to reclamation and other dirt-disturbing operations, we have found that folks from our own neighborhoods often understand the soils and drainage best. There is also a certain pride in work that seems more common when the people doing the work live in the same community. We urge a “do pass” on SB 2301.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Coons', is located below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Troy Coons, Chairman  
Northwest Landowners Association