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To: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

RE: Support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4012 as amended

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

Chairman Kreun and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee, my name is Zac Smith, and I am testifying on behalf of the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4012 as amended by Senate Majority Leader Wardner. 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.

North Dakota, because of our status as an exporter of energy to other states and the continually moving goal posts of “goal setting” policy of other state legislatures has been deemed to be a “taker” of policy. The amendments to SCR 4012 make clear that North Dakota intends to declare its policy on energy generation and the importance of using North Dakota resources to achieve a resilient and reliable grid. North Dakota’s electric cooperatives support such action as we continue to distribute electricity across North Dakota and generate electricity to be used across the region.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on SCR 4012. We urge adoption of Senator Wardner’s amendment and, thereafter, a DO PASS recommendation on SCR 4012, as amended.

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