



*DEDICATED TO PROTECTING, DEVELOPING, AND MANAGING NORTH DAKOTA'S WATER RESOURCES*  
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**SB 2251**  
**Testimony of Dani Quissell**  
**House Energy and Natural Resources**  
**Committee**

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am Dani Quissell, the Executive Vice President of the ND Water Users Association. The Water Users Association is the state-wide member organization dedicated to protecting, developing, and managing North Dakota's water resources. We have more than 150 members including local, statewide and regional organizations in North Dakota who have an active interest in water.

The North Dakota Water Users Association has concerns with SB 2251 as currently drafted. The Association has concerns with how these new requirements would impact the construction of vital infrastructure built with public funds. While there has been much discussion regarding infrastructure owned by private entities, the bill as written would also impact infrastructure built using public dollars, such as water pipelines.

As has been testified to, the requirements contemplated in SB 2251 will add time delays and additional costs to projects funded with public funds.

For these reasons, the ND Water Users Association asks that you give SB 2251 a 'do not pass recommendation'.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning. I'd be happy to stand for any questions.