

Testimony on HB 1170
Natural Gas to rural communities Study
City of Parshall
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Good Morning Chairperson and Legislative members. I would like to thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on the issue before this committee. I am Kyle Christianson, Mayor of the City of Parshall. We live in a small community on the Ft. Berthold Reservation. We are located in the Bakken area. We have constant flaring and waste of the natural gases in this part of ND. I support HB 1170 because I would help available for all small cities to be able to utilize using this natural resource for heating our homes. The cost of this venture is astronomical and communities like ours would need to find ways to lower the cost to get this infrastructure to our communities

HB 1170 would be a benefit to help get natural gas to all rural communities. Infrastructure is huge. I have been in the oil industry for 16 years and flaring is the top priority of being captured.

Refineries need to be built, transmission lines need to be in place in order for infrastructure to be a plan. We have heard that there is money available for transmission line from west to east but nothing that would go from north to south.

We have been in discussion to get a distribution line to our area including the communities of New Town, Parshall, and Plaza at an estimated cost of \$80,000,000. This does not put it into the city limits. Our residents then would have to pay for it to get on their properties. State help is needed for all to benefit.

HB 1170 is a step in that direction.

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