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Good morning, Chairman Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Cody VanderBusch. I am the Reclamation Supervisor for the Oil and Gas Division of DMR. I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 2059.

DMR has requested to amend the cap in Subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 57-51-15 of the NDCC be increased from 50 million to 100 million dollars.

The reason for this request is that with Federal Infrastructure and Investment dollars (IIJA) funds that will be coming along with donations into the fund and reimbursement of orphan well plugging and reclaim funds.

- Currently the fund has 20 million dollars.
- Estimated IIJA grant funds – 105 million dollars from four grants.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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