

**Summit Carbon Solutions Testimony on Senate Bill 2251
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Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee
Senator Dale Patten, Chairman**

Jeff Skaare – Director of Land Summit Carbon Solutions

In Favor of SB 2251

Chairman Patten, and fellow Senate Committee Members.

My name is **Jeffrey Skaare**. I am the **Sequestration Director of Land Legal and Regulatory Affairs** for **Summit Carbon Solutions**. I am an attorney by education, and a certified professional landman by trade. Born, raised and educated in North Dakota, I have dedicated the majority of my professional career to the development of ND's mineral resources. I have witnessed first-hand the need for, and the buildout of, the necessary infrastructure to develop North Dakota's vast natural resources. I have personally overseen the acquisition, build out and operation of over 300 miles of pipeline within North Dakota. In my past employment, I was involved in the acquisition, reclamation, and operation of those same pipelines. I became involved in the Summit Carbon Solutions project because I believe that the two most important industries to North Dakota, namely Agriculture & Energy, will need to find a carbon management solution to continue to thrive. We have reviewed proposed Senate Bill No. 2251 and we are supportive for the following reasons:

- 1.) In my professional experience, landowner permission or in lieu thereof, a court order for survey permission, is a generally accepted practice in pipeline development; and
- 2.) As it is written, it is consistent with the actions of Summit Carbon Solutions

It is for these reasons that we can support the enactment of Senate bill number 2251 and are comfortable with a DO PASS recommendation. Thank you.