

Good morning, Chairman Schauer and members of this committee.

My name is William Schaff, a licensed well driller since the mid 90's And have been in the well drilling industry since 1979. I am currently the Vice President of the N.D. Well Driller's Association which meets at least 4 times per year. At these meetings we discuss all the different aspects of the water industry and it's changes. The N.D. Well Driller's Association along with The S.D. Well Driller's Association hold a convention once per year to keep up with any changes in the water industry. At our convention we have vendors and suppliers of products used in our industry and at the same time we hold education classes and compare notes. I understand that not everyone here knows a lot about well drilling, but we all know the water at our faucets doesn't naturally appear. Senate Bill 2308 seems to be designed to minimize citizen input. The N.D. Board of Water Well Contractors is self-funded through licensing fees and adds a lot of support to the state of ND (Cutting government waste --- What a good idea !!) I am not opposed to a legislative management study and review, I am however in opposition of the dismantling of this board. Feel free to ask me any questions, Kind regards and good day.