Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a North Dakota landowner, I am writing in support of SB 2379. This bill restores a critical layer of protection for landowners by ensuring that access to private land is not automatic, but instead, subject to basic legal safeguards. It upholds the principles of property rights and due process, while still allowing necessary public projects to move forward through proper legal channels.

Requiring consent or a court order promotes accountability, minimizes unnecessary intrusion, and helps ensure that we, the landowners, are treated with fairness and respect from the very beginning of any potential eminent domain proceedings.

Please protect landowner's rights. I respectfully urge a "Do Pass" recommendation on SB 2379.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

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