

House Political Subdivisions Committee Hearing for SB 2299 March 21, 2025 Testimony of Dani Quissell, Executive Vice President North Dakota Water Users Association

Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee, my name is Dani Quissell and I serve as the Executive Vice President of the North Dakota Water Users Association. The Water Users Association is the statewide member organization dedicated to protecting, developing, and managing North Dakota's water resources. We have more than 150 members including local, statewide and regional organizations in North Dakota that have an active interest in water.

Many of our members are rural water systems that worked with the Senate sponsor of SB 2299 to bring forward a bill that works for rural systems across the state. North Dakota has a robust rural water system that serves hundreds of thousands of rural and small community residents. SB 2299 makes commonsense changes to the rural water statutes without putting an undue burden on systems that are working diligently to provide reliable, quality, drinking water to citizens in every corner of North Dakota.

Please give SB 2299, in its current form, a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.