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**Senate Bill 2206—Testimony in Support**

Senate Finance and Tax, Chairwoman Bell

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Chairwoman Bell, members of the committee, my name is Carlee McLeod, and I am president of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota (USND). On behalf of my member companies, we support SB 2206.

Dispatchable generation has been an important part of our utilities' operations to serve customers, and we have been working to ensure a future for those resources. As the industry looks toward emerging carbon dioxide capture and sequestration utilization technologies, we support tools to allow the Public Service Commission to consider investments in those technologies in rate calculations. We support providing the commission with tools to incentivize integration of these technologies rather than any mandate to purchase a particular source of power.

Thank you.

