

## RE: SB2306: Bill Language

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Chairman Kreun and Commission,

I had a chance to listen to the testimony provided yesterday concerning SB2306. After hearing the testimony, I'd like to respectfully withdraw my support of this bill. The presentation did not accurately characterize the current situation in Western North Dakota. The comments from the committee are correct, the tribes and authorized entities of the tribes do already have a mechanism to obtain water from WAWSA and Trenton is currently using WAWSA water at a significantly lower price than our other member entities through a contract with Williston.

Again, I apologize for not being present, I did not realize that Senator Marcellais had presented my request on the revenue bonding language. I do believe that this language can and will be covered in another bill that is more directly related to the funding and operations of the State Water Commission's cost share program.

Respectfully,

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Committee for Energy and Natural Resources and Senator Marcellais,

Thank you immensely for introducing and hearing the revenue bond language request for Western Area Water Supply Authority that was included in SB2306 today. I did not realize this was going to be discussed or I would have been there to provide testimony on behalf of the water users in NW North Dakota. I have attached the Revenue Bond Authority language to this email.

In order to continue providing rural water in NW North Dakota, we need this small portion of language added to the current language in the Century Code. Without this language all cost share and financing opportunities could end for the domestic build out in NW North Dakota. DeAnn Ament (701.426.5723 or [dament@nd.gov](mailto:dament@nd.gov)) from PFA will be available if there will be another opportunity to provide information as it pertains to this addition of language. I would also like to be able to explain just how important this is in our mission to continue providing clean water for drinking and hygiene to those who have been waiting for so long.

Legislative Council (Chris Kadrmas), PFA (DeAnn Ament), and other attorneys (Scott Wegner and Tami Norgard) have been discussing this necessary change for several months.

I am greatly appreciative of your time and effort in this matter,

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Hello Senator Marcellais,

I was informed of your intention to add language to the century code that allows WAWSA to contract directly with recognized tribes and entities authorized by recognized tribes. Thank you for proposing this addition.

I do have an ask of you – the PFA has a new bond attorney and this attorney asked that WAWSA add a small portion of language about bonding in order to satisfy a need of our SRF loans that are used to build infrastructure and continue to follow our mission of providing clean water to NW North Dakota. Would you consider adding this language as well in your proposed change? I have attached the language to this email. Legislative Council (Chris Kadrmas), PFA (DeAnn Ament), and other attorneys (Scott Wegner and Tami Norgard) have been discussing this necessary change for a couple of months. If you'd like more information about what is needed, DeAnn Ament (701.426.5723 or [dament@nd.gov](mailto:dament@nd.gov)) can provide any information you might need.

I appreciate the valuable work you do for North Dakota and I am truly grateful for the time you took out of your busy schedule to read this email. I am always available by cell phone should you like to speak (701-609-0450).

Thank you,

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