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Chairman Burckhard, and members of the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee, thank you for giving me this opportunity to appear before you this morning. My name is Don Longmuir and I am a Representative from District Two which encompasses Burke and Divide Counties, most of Williams County with the exception of the City of Williston and twelve townships in Mountrail County.

As Senator Rust has pointed out we were contacted by a constituent to bring a bill to the legislature regarding the cost of easements when an abstract is updated. Michelle Gibbens, Vice President of the North Dakota Land Title Association in her testimony is spot on dealing with how abstracts are developed and continued.

Our constituent understands the charge for an easement and does not have an issue with the easement showing up on his abstract and paying for that entry. Our constituent's frustration deals with additional entries regarding the original easement which was signed. Easements can be assigned and, in some cases, used as collateral in a mortgage. All of the entries dealing with the easement which go on after the original easement is what our constituent is frustrated with. The constituent does not feel these additional entries are something they need to pay for when updating their abstract in that these not something they requested.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I stand for any questions.