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Chairman Vigesaa and House Appropriations Committee Members,

On behalf of the members of the Lignite Energy Council, I am submitting testimony today in support of House Bill 1369.

In the interest of maintaining parity among the fertilizer production industry, the Lignite Energy Council is asking that coal be included as an eligible feedstock and participant for potential projects under the program established by this legislation.

The Dakota Gas plant has been a major contributor to regional fertilizer production for the last three decades. As the state looks to expand value-added Ag and Energy opportunities, lignite has and can continue, to provide a significant contribution to the ongoing development of this industry.

We ask for your favorable consideration of this amendment.

Thank you,

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