

TESTIMONY



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HB 1234

HOUSE ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Kayla Pulvermacher, and I represent the North Dakota Association of Builders (NDAB). NDAB represents our state's homebuilding industry with 1500 members across North Dakota. The North Dakota Association of Builders stands in support of HB 1234.

To date, 34 states have released a climate action plan or are in the process of revising or developing one; many states are moving toward the development of "net zero" or "net zero ready" energy codes for new and remodeled buildings. Individual communities throughout the country are attempting to ban the use of natural gas in new and renovated buildings in favor of fully electrified homes. Our builders believe that providing safe and affordable housing is of fundamental importance to the lives of all citizens and future generations of Americans and a clean environment is beneficial for the health and safety of all. That said, it should not be done through burdensome regulations and government mandates.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to voice our support.