

February 8, 2023

Honorable Todd Porter
House Energy and Natural Resources
North Dakota Legislative Council
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

Dear House Energy and Natural Resources, Representative Todd Porter, Chairman:

I am writing to voice my support for House Bill 1520. The mineral owners in North Dakota should not struggle with getting information related to their royalties from oil companies. Legislators in past sessions have updated the Century Code for the benefit of the state and I would hope that you will now offer the same benefits for individual mineral owners like me.

Specifically, I have had continual problems with Oasis Oil regarding production and payment information for the Jeanette Kjorstad Family Mineral Trust in Williams County. In 2022 they paid our Trust erroneously for another Kjorstad Trust (different name) in which we have no interest. I called them when we received the first payment and was assured everything was correct. Then 6 months later they completely reversed the payments without first sending new Division Orders. The revised Division Orders were eventually sent but my repeated calls and emails for an explanation were never answered or returned. To this date I have received no information however I do communicate with other family members and figured out for myself what was happening.

I strongly encourage this committee to approve HB 1520 so we can receive better information related to our royalties from the oil companies.

Sincerely,

Eileen Craven Kjorstad

Trustee for the Jeanette Kjorstad Family Mineral Trust

