

Good afternoon,

Chairman Porter and members of the committee.

My name is Fred Richter, my address is Sykeston, ND.

I am here addressing this hearing because I own land that the Red River Valley Water Supply Project is proposing to cross.

I support SB 2364 as it was passed on the senate floor.

This would require the state of North Dakota to accept the liability as stated in SB 2364 for this pipeline.

The State of North Dakota should accept all responsibility and liability since this is a state project.

Since Garrison Diversion, in my opinion, is a contractor for the State, and is funded by the State, this seems very reasonable that the State should be liable.

As landowners that do not necessarily want this pipeline on their land, there is no reason we should be liable for any consequences of this pipeline, now or in the future.

I hope that you will give these concerns an honest review, and I would like to see a do pass recommendation from this committee.

Any questions?

Thank you for your time.