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### **House Concurrent Resolution 3013 Testimony in Support**

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Representative Porter, Chair

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Chairman Porter, members of the committee, I am Carlee McLeod, president of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota, here on behalf of USND utility members, including ALLETE, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Otter Tail Power, and Xcel Energy. We ask you to support HCR3013.

For all the reasons stated in the resolution itself, we support HCR3013. It's clear that the federal administration does not value the importance of North Dakota's lignite, natural gas, and oil resources and what they mean to the reliability of US energy demands and US energy independence. As a leader in carbon capture research and technology, North Dakota's lignite industry and its partners should be examples to the rest of the nation how to generate reliable, affordable, and clean energy. We ask for your support in sending this message to the federal offices and agencies affecting energy policy.

