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House Concurrent Resolution 3015 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 HCR3015.

A significant amount of electricity and power in the US comes from natural gas and nuclear energy, which provide economically sustainable energy with low and zero carbon emissions, respectively. As technology races to capture carbon emissions from other generation sources, the US must support existing and future natural gas and nuclear generation options to round out a generation portfolio comprised of reliable, clean, baseload energy. Failure to support these resources would lead to catastrophic energy shortages.

We urge you to support HCR 3015.

