

My name is Grant Mills and I am a policy fellow for Generation Atomic, a pro-nuclear organization with volunteers all over the US. Thank you for allowing me the time to testify on this bill. I am testifying in opposition to this bill as it is currently written. Specifically One-Half of it. While natural gas is vital in heating our homes and providing electricity, relying on gas for both of those makes it more likely to lose both. Acknowledging the importance of natural gas does not mean that we need to, or should, classify it as clean. Natural gas releases methane and roughly a pound of CO₂ per kilowatt hour while nuclear plants barely one one hundredth of that. This difference in harmful emissions is why I support nuclear energy and why I am opposed to referring to natural gas as clean.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify on this bill, and I hope these proposed changes are taken into consideration to support a *truly* clean energy future for North Dakota.