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Tex Hall Testimony on HCR No. 3028
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Dosha (Hello),

My name is Tex Hall, an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation from Mandaree, ND, a community member, landowner and Chairman of the Fort Berthold Landowner Association testifying in support of HCR No. 3028. This Resolution would study the environmental impacts of oil and gas development, hydraulic fracturing sand, and hydraulic fracturing wastewater spills on water quality, vegetation, soil, and all species of domestic and wild animals, including insects, along State Highways 22, 23, and 37 within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

The Fort Berthold Indian Reservation has approximately 2000 oil wells throughout the Reservation and lot of truck traffic spills has occurred along these Highways, 23, 22, 37 and I would add Highway 73 whereby this highway is located along my land, so I see the traffic every day. At the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation we as Tribal Members are not made aware of these spills until word of mouth or you read about it in the newspaper weeks or months later, so a reporting mechanism has to be in place when these spills occur to better safeguard our water and soil. Wastewater or production water is highly detrimental to the soil and water and takes a lot of clean up, restoration and testing. There are known locations along these highways where spills are more frequent due to the terrain and located north of Highway 22 and 73 junction in the bear den creek area and along Highway 73 along bear den creek area which flows into the Missouri River. This Resolution studying for environmental impacts is very much needed for our land and water as there is no question with this many oil wells and spills has a negative impact. This would provide a baseline of information would help better address environmental protection, Traffic Safety and Highway designs. The environmental impacts have a negative impact on our livestock and

wildlife as well due to soil contamination, traffic, loss of vegetation and fires.

I am in total support of this HCR No. 3028 Resolution that will help protect our environment Land and water and the health and lives of our Tribal members living of Fort Berthold.

Maa zagidaz (Thank you) for the opportunity to provide testimony on this very important Resolution.

Tex Hall