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Tex Hall Testimony on HCR No. 3029
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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 and landowner testifying in support of HCR No. 3029. This Resolution would study whether the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation should have stand alone air quality monitors to track and mitigate air and water pollution that may result from oil and gas development.

It's hard to imagine we don't have air monitors on Fort Berthold due to the fact we have approximately 2000 oil wells, most of them located in Mandaree area and the highest Flaring in the entire State. However, we don't, and I Chair the Fort Berthold Landowner Association and heard from many of our residents that have asthma now and breathing problems and believe it's because of the oil and gas wells nearby their homes. Also, Flaring at Oil and Gas Wells contains Benzene which is a know carcinogen which causes cancer. I am not aware of any studies on air quality including the Environmental Protection Agency or our Tribal Government conducted at Fort Berthold, so this is very much needed. It is only right that our community have access to clear air and clean water.

I am in total support of this HCR No. 3029 Resolution that will help protect the health and lives of our Tribal members living at Mandaree and non-Tribal Members as we have a K-12 School in Mandaree and Recreation areas like McKenzie Bay and Skunk Bay.

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

Tex Hall