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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources North Dakota Legislature

RE: HCR 3034 – A concurrent resolution directing Legislative Management to consider studying sustainable energy policies to maximize economic viability of existing energy sources, assess future demands on electricity in the state, determine the feasibility of advanced nuclear energy development and transmission

Dear Chairperson and Respected Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the 2,000 members in Audubon Dakotas, a state office of the National Audubon Society, we support HCR 3034 and request this be included as a part of the public hearing record.

The National Audubon Society is a conservation organization focused on birds and their conservation and seeks to bring awareness to the condition of our environment and how changes impact birds, natural resources, our economy, and communities.

The National Audubon Society considers climate change to be a significant threat to birds and therefore supports actions that reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

We enthusiastically support further research into sustainable energy policies, especially with regards to careful siting of renewable energy projects and economic viability for local stakeholders. This should be thoroughly investigated to understand the benefits and challenges to renewable energy generation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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