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HOUSE BILL 1014 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS- EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION MARCH 9, 2023

TESTIMONY OF MARK N. FOX, CHAIRMAN MANDAN, HIDATSA AND ARIKARA NATION

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Mark Fox, I am the Chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation). The MHA Nation supports House Bill 1014; specifically, Section 14, Transfer - Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund to State Energy Research Center Fund – Underground Energy Storage Research Project – Report to Legislative Management, which adds \$22 million for the next phase of salt cavern development.

The MHA Nation practices responsible oil and gas development and the storage of NGLs in salt caverns creates the opportunity for hydrocarbon storage and advances the protection of the environment in oil and gas production.

Mr. Chairman, we urge a do pass of House Bill 1014. Thank you.