

Pipeline Authority

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, my name is Justin Kringstad and I am the Director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority under the Industrial Commission. By law, the Pipeline Authority membership is comprised of the members of the Industrial Commission. The Pipeline Authority receives no direct General Fund appropriation. Upon the recommendation of the Oil and Gas Research Council, the Industrial Commission authorized the transfer of \$600,000 from the Oil and Gas Research Fund during the 2021-2023 biennium for the Pipeline Authority's continued operations and studies. More information about the Pipeline Authority and its work during the current biennium is available in the included *Annual Report*.

As Director of the Pipeline Authority, I have the responsibility of chairing the technical review committee for the recently established Natural Gas Pipeline Program authorized during the 2021 legislative special session. I will now walk through a set of slides to provide the committee with an update on the \$150 million in funding available through the Natural Gas Pipeline Program and other pipeline related topics relevant to North Dakota's fiscal health.