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Senator Curt Kreun
Chairman
ND Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairman Kreun and Committee Members,

I write on behalf of Moore Engineering to express my strong support for House Bill (HB 1385). We urge the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to complete the bipartisan work already achieved by the ND House of Representatives that unanimously passed the bill on February 22, 2023.

Our shared values of respect, integrity, accountability, loyalty, and kindness guide us as we strive to fulfill our mission of “improving lives by building strong communities.” For over 60 years, we have served communities across the state to develop and maintain the water supply infrastructure on which your constituents rely. Passing HB 1385 would allow Tribal Nations to enter into agreements with the State Water Commission, allowing them to receive the same water infrastructure support privileges that other communities enjoy. The bill would provide equal access to clean and safe water for thousands of North Dakota residents living in tribal communities.

Moore Engineering believes that HB 1385 is essential to addressing the water infrastructure challenges afflicting the Tribal communities in North Dakota. By allowing Tribal Nations to enter funding agreements with the State Water Commission and participate in the Department of Natural Resources’ Cost-Sharing program, tribal communities will be one step closer to completing the water infrastructure improvement projects that many of them desperately need.

We urge you to vote in the affirmative on House Bill 1385, as the ND House of Representatives has already unanimously done, to work alongside Moore Engineering and others dedicated to providing equitable access to clean water for all North Dakotans. We appreciate your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bucholz, PE
President

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