

March 7, 2023

Re: HB 1385

Honorable members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

Barr Engineering is firmly in support for House Bill 1385 relating to tribal contracts with the state water commission.

Barr Engineering has offices across the U.S. and Canada. The Bismarck office was opened in 2008 and employs over 30 people. We are honored to serve North Dakotans, providing technical leadership in the fields of engineering and water resources, to the agriculture, education, manufacturing, and energy industries.

As a company Barr has embraced and sought to advance Diversity Equity and inclusion in all that we do. We are proud to have the opportunity to work in States that demonstrate this shared commitment. House Bill 1385 is a positive step toward fostering the necessary cooperation and coordination to solve complicated problems in water resources. We fully support its passage and implementation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Westbrook".

Jason Westbrook, PE
Vice President