



DEDICATED TO PROTECTING, DEVELOPING, AND MANAGING NORTH DAKOTA'S WATER RESOURCES

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Chairman Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2196. The Water Users Association is the state-wide member organization dedicated to protecting, developing, and managing North Dakota's water resources. We have more than 150 members including local, statewide and regional organizations in North Dakota who have an active interest in water.

We support the transfer of oversight of the Western Area Water Supply (WAWS) project from the Industrial Commission to the State Water Commission as envisioned in SB 2196. This would bring WAWS under the same umbrella as other major regional water supply projects, like the Northwestern Area Water Supply project or the Southwest Pipeline Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.