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To Whom This May Concern,

North Dakota stands at the precipice of some very large decisions as it pertains to the health and wellness of not only the environment, but its own citizens. Through groundbreaking work in Carbon Sequestration, the fuel as well as power industry are working hand in hand towards making not only North Dakota's emissions cleaner, but the worlds. As it stands, we are on the national stage with all states watching how we are to handle new green technology. Governor Doug Burgum recently stated, "North Dakota takes pride in being one of the most business-friendly states in the nation, and we continuously seek new ways to support entrepreneurs, innovators and emerging expanding businesses". He has been a man that has stood for the working class as well as green energy projects. Bill SB2228 would be a catastrophic blow to the green energy sector. As the industry evolves and matures, finding new and innovative ways to deal with our ever-increasing greenhouse gas emissions has to be the forefront of how ND does business. All eyes are on ND and how we plan to handle new green energy initiatives. I implore the members of the legislative session to reconsider this bill. Not only will this bill negatively affect future green energy projects for ND, it also negatively effects the working class family.

I come from a 3rd generation family of farmers and am no stranger to a hard day's work. The ethanol industry has given me a chance to not only provide and raise my family, it has also given thousands of peoples across the state a way to provide. From the ethanol sector, local farmers, seed companies and manufacturers, fertilizer companies, even the local main street USA that are still able to keep their lights on due to the foot traffic an ethanol plant brings to their local farming communities. I am nothing, if I'm not honest, rural North Dakota depends on the future of new green energy projects. I implore the legislation to consider how this bill will affect the local rural communities and the taxable income it brings to these areas. Help us show the rest of the world that North Dakota is ready to change the way the United States is to deal with our ever growing emissions issues and let us stand at the fore front of innovation. As Teddy Roosevelt once said, "I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us." By releasing our CO2 to atmosphere and not dealing with this greenhouse gas in a responsible fashion, we set future generations up to fail.

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my testimony when it comes time to vote on Bill SB 2228

Best Regards,

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