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Written Testimony
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Public Hearing

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Dear esteemed members of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee:

As longtime residents of Mercer County and landowners in Oliver County, we write to you today to share our enthusiastic support of carbon capture and utilization, as it is vitally important to two of North Dakota's most important industries--agriculture and energy. This legislative session is of critical importance to our ability as a state to be responsive to innovations that help our industries and in turn, help our people.

You will be reviewing proposed legislation that seeks to impede, damage and even cripple our ability as a state to be nimble and innovative and support trailblazing efforts that are at the very fiber of the roughrider spirit we as North Dakotans possess. As you consider Senate Bills 2209, 2313, 2212, 2228, 2317 and 2314, and House Bills 1384 and 1466, please know of our staunch opposition to each bill and our encouragement for you to stand in opposition. Your NO vote will demonstrate your commitment to a vibrant North Dakota that is committed to solutions that benefit our state and our people; and not to poor policy that is clearly motivated by greed and self-interest or worse, by ignorance.

Thank you for voting NO and representing your constituency well.

Best wishes for a productive session,

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