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**Testimony of
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Chairman Bekkedahl and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 2242. My name is Matt Perdue, and I am testifying on behalf of North Dakota Farmers Union's (NDFU) members.

NDFU supports SB 2242, which would establish a propane storage tank revolving loan fund at BND. This program would help retailers expand propane storage, which is important to North Dakota farmers. During the busy harvest season, farmers rely on propane for drying corn and other crops. Shortages of propane can slow harvest progress, creating serious economic costs for North Dakota producers. Increasing propane storage will help retailers pre-position adequate supplies to handle seasonal demand spikes.

NDFU respectfully requests a "Do Pass" recommendation on SB 2242. Thank you for your consideration.