

Chairman Patten and members of the committee.

My name is Fred Richter, my address is Sykeston, ND.

I am here addressing this hearing because I own land that the Red River Valley Water Supply Project is proposing to cross.

I support SB2364 with the proposed amended language that Senator Klein said he would submit today to this committee. This amended language would require the state of North Dakota to accept all liability for this pipeline.

The State of North Dakota should accept all responsibility and liability since this is a state project.

Since Garrison Diversion, in my opinion, is a contractor for the State, and is funded by the State, this seems very reasonable that the State should be liable.

As landowners that do not want this pipeline on their land, there is no reason we should be liable for any consequences of this pipeline.

We believe that until these issues are rectified, Garrison Diversion should be reigned in by the state and should be stopped from using Eminent Domain.

I hope that you will give these concerns an honest review.

Thank for your time.

Any Questions?