

Testimony of Troy Coons on behalf of  
Northwest Landowners Association  
in favor of  
SENATE BILL 2374  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources  
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Chairman Patten and members of the committee, thank you for taking my testimony into consideration today.

My name is Troy Coons and I am the Chairman of the Northwest Landowners Association. Northwest Landowners Association represents over 525 farmers, ranchers, and property owners in North Dakota. Northwest Landowners Association is a nonprofit organization, and I am not a paid lobbyist.

We support SB 2374 because something should be done to address this growing issue. We have heard from our members in growing numbers that they are seeing higher and higher deductions on their royalty paystubs. At our recent annual meeting, we surveyed our membership and asked what issues they felt were important. Although our organization focuses on surface estate issues, more of our members asked us to support legislative efforts to address this deductions issue than any other issue. This is a complicated issue but it is clear that mineral owners need real solutions.

Please vote do pass on SB 2374.

Thank you,

Troy Coons  
*Northwest Landowners Association*