

Chairman Clemens and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

My name is Scott Skokos. I am here to represent the Dakota Resource Council in my professional capacity as their Executive Director. Dakota Resource Council is a grassroots conservation and family farm organization with more than 600 dues paying members statewide and five local chapters in Fargo, Bismarck, Dickinson, McKenzie County, and Fort Berthold. I am testifying today in favor of House Bill 1310.

HB 1310 provides a simple fix, which allows condominium owners and those who own housing governed by Homeowners Associations to have unfettered ability to install electric vehicle charging stations at their homes. At present condo and homeowners associations are allowed to prevent the owners of individual units, condos, or homes governed by an association from building infrastructure that violates their covenants or rules. This includes essential infrastructure like electric vehicle charging stations.

It is the view of Dakota Resource Council and our members that the ability to install essential infrastructure like electric car charging stations at your place of residence, especially if you are the owner of your residence, should be a right. Experts forecast that electric vehicles will make up approximately 30 percent of all vehicles on the road by 2029¹. As a result, getting a law in place like HB 1310 will make North Dakota more easily be able to accommodate for the increase in electric vehicles in the near future.

In conclusion, those who own property should not be prevented from installing essential infrastructure like electric car charging stations. Passing HB 1310 means North Dakota is positioning itself for the future and also protecting property owners' right to install essential infrastructure on the property they own. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I can stand for any questions.

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¹<https://www.iea.org/reports/by-2030-evs-represent-more-than-60-of-vehicles-sold-globally-and-require-an-adequate-surge-in-chargers-installed-in-buildings>