

# House Finance & Taxation Committee

House Bill 1295

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Written Testimony

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Chairman Headland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel.

I live in Bismarck, District 47.

I like this bill.

I do not regard underground carbon dioxide storage to be a public good, merely a publicly funded boondoggle. Research into secondary plumes of carbon dioxide (plumes of carbon dioxide gas that wander off from their original storage site) is still in its infancy.

With the dearth of information about secondary plumes of CO<sub>2</sub>, we should not feel as certain in our knowledge as ChatGPT would be.

Given the dangers from large scale and high pressure carbon dioxide transport and storage, cutting off state subsidies is prudent.

So, please give this bill a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Thank you.