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In Support for HB 1319

**Chairman Headland, Vice-Chairman Hagert, and members of the Finance and Taxation Committee,**

I am submitting this testimony on behalf of North Dakota Native Vote, an organization founded in 2018 to counteract the systematic disparities that affect tribal communities in North Dakota. As an organization committed to advocating for the rights and well-being of Native peoples in our state, we strongly support House Bill 1319, which would establish a Legacy Fund Disclosure Website.

The proposed bill ensures transparency by providing publicly accessible detailed information about the investments made through North Dakota's Legacy Fund. Given that the Legacy Fund is built upon the state's oil and gas revenues, it is crucial that the state demonstrates accountability in how these funds are invested and managed.

For Native communities - many of which are located in areas with significant natural resource extraction - having access to information about these investments is particularly important. Transparency in how the Legacy Fund is used not only informs these communities but also empowers them to advocate for fair economic opportunities and sustainable development that benefit all North Dakotans equitably. I respectfully request that the Finance and Taxation Committee gives **House Bill 1319** a **"Do Pass"** recommendation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,  
Erika Red Tomahawk