



GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER  
HB 1210  
House Energy & Natural Resources Committee  
Chair Todd Porter  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Andrea Pfennig, and I am the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Greater North Dakota Chamber. GNDC is North Dakota's largest statewide business advocacy organization, with membership represented by small and large businesses, local chambers, and trade and industry associations across the state. We stand in **opposition** of House Bill 1210.

We need a business-friendly regulatory environment that is consistent, efficient, cost-effective and promotes investment in infrastructure. HB 1210 does none of this.

North Dakota businesses are competing in a global economy. Because of this, it is vital to have a policy framework that helps the state attract capital investment.

Carbon dioxide pipelines are essential to the continued growth of a variety of key industries in North Dakota. HB 1210 would establish arbitrary barriers. Further, it does not acknowledge the significant safeguards that are already in place.

HB 1210 would erode decades worth of work by both the state and private entities to ensure that North Dakota is positioned for growth. Now is not the time to go backwards. Smart and consistent approaches to infrastructure are vital to ensure that North Dakota has the infrastructure necessary to support and grow a thriving economy. We hope you will OPPOSE SB 1210.