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Greetings Mr Chairman and Committee Members,

I am Zach Cassidy of Dakota Resource Council, writing to express our opposition to HCR 3016. This resolution would urge the federal government to develop policies that favor Carbon Dioxide use. The use of carbon for EOR is new technology, and at the very least we should wait until we know more before we create resolutions that ask for investment in technology we don't know the impacts of.

The need for EOR in North Dakota is many years away, giving us time to learn more about its impacts. While we understand that North Dakota seeks to be a leader in energy production, we have time to wait to better understand this technology. The ability of the industry to transport CO2 safely is currently under question, including by engineers, geologists, and other professionals. As we seek to be an energy leader, let's also make sure we are also a state that prioritizes the safety of our communities.

As such, we recommend DO NOT PASS on this bill.