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In Support of Senate Bill 2299  
House Political Subdivision Committee

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Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee, my name is Jeremy Schuler. I am the General Manager for Northeast Regional Water District (NRWD).

NRWD is in the Northeast corner of North Dakota and provides water to 2,678 rural connections, thirteen bulk cities, four hog operations and delivers supplemental water to two rural water districts consisting of 2,500 miles of pipe in six counties.

I am submitting testimony in support of Senate Bill 2299, which seeks to make changes to NDCC 61.35. Previously, I submitted testimony in opposition to the proposed changes that were being explored by the bill sponsor. The proposed changes at that time would have affected water districts financially and disrupted the bylaws and efficiencies that the boards and memberships have created for their water districts over the past 30 years.

After working with other water districts around the state, ND Rural Water, and the bill sponsor on amendments, I feel we have come together on a compromised set of changes that are the most feasible to all water districts.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in favor to SB 2299. We ask respectfully for a Do Pass recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact me at [jeremy@nrwd.us](mailto:jeremy@nrwd.us)