

TESTIMONY  
SB 2179

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Chairman Weber and member of the Senate Finance and Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2179. I am here on behalf of the North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association. Our association represents over 600 petroleum marketers in the state of ND. SB 2179 will provide the funding to continue and improve the inspection of petroleum products and the labeling of those products. We are already paying for that via the 1/40th of a cent fee. Our position is that the department charged with the program either receive the funds marketers pay or eliminate the fee. Our strong preference is that the fee stay intact and is directed to the appropriate agency. No business likes government over reach. This program is not over reach. It is an appropriate oversight of the sale of petroleum products and is a basic consumer protection.

I ask for you support of this bill. Thank you.