

Dear Mr. Chair and members of the Senate Energy Natural Resources Committee. I am Zachary Cassidy, Carbon Pipeline Organizer and lobbyist for Dakota Resource Council. I am writing today to express my and DRC's support for SB 2116, which we believe will create reasonable requirements on wind farms, specifically to limit light pollution. Working in this state I have heard again and again how much of a nuisance these large wind projects can be. This builds animosity to these projects as well impacting people's quality of life, especially their sleep. Light pollution creates a very serious nuisance that can impact people's sleep and general quality of life. While we are supportive of renewable energy, we also believe it should be done responsibly and we see this bill as a step towards limiting the worst impacts of these projects. As such DRC supports this bill and recommends that it pass. Thank you to the chair and members of your committee for your time.