

**Testimony SB 2159**

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Dear Mr. Chair and members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

I am Zachary Cassidy, Carbon Pipeline Organizer and lobbyist for Dakota Resource Council. I am here to express my and Dakota Resource Council's opposition to SB 2159. We are opposed to the use of taxpayer funds for this purpose. If North Dakota is to allow the use of nuclear energy in our state, we should not be using taxpayer funds to explore the creation of an industry that will bring in out-of-state corporations and cause North Dakota to be the dumping ground for other states' nuclear waste. The transportation and disposal of nuclear waste come with significant public health risks. North Dakota does not need to be the dumping ground for other states' nuclear waste, as such we urge a do not pass on this bill. Thank you for your time.