

Testimony in opposition to SB2208

Dear Senators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB2208.

This legislation undermines the fundamental principle of local decision-making, prioritizing corporate interests over the well-being and autonomy of communities.

At its core, SB2208 strips local governments of their ability to make decisions that best serve their residents. Land use and energy development decisions should be made by those most familiar with the specific needs and concerns of their communities—not by state legislators pushing a one-size-fits-all mandate. Local officials, who are directly accountable to their constituents, must retain the ability to weigh the benefits and drawbacks of energy projects based on factors such as environmental impact, public health and safety, and economic development.

I do not oppose green energy, but when our property, township and county rights are threatened with unconstitutional and unjust laws solely for the benefit of out-of-state corporations, seeking private gain, it is beyond wrong!

We are at a pivotal moment in our state's history. It's time to reflect on what your role is in shaping the future of our great state of North Dakota. It's in your hands, do the right thing and reject SB2208.

I urge a **DO NOT PASS** vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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