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House Bill 1412—Testimony in Support

House Finance and Tax, Chairman Headland

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Chairman Headland, members of the committee, my name is Carlee McLeod, and I am president of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota (USND). On behalf of my member companies, who collectively provide electric service to over 250,000 homes and businesses in North Dakota, we ask for your support of HB 1412.

As I stated in testimony yesterday when USND opposed HB 1458, we support the priorities and legislation put forward by the Lignite Energy Council, because they have been developed and vetted through the leadership at the generating utilities within the state. That means these proposals are being put forward by the people who both understand the challenges and bear the responsibility of generating electricity and meeting customer needs reliably and in a cost-effective manner. This temporary tax relief offers tangible help in our utilities' struggle to keep our lignite generation resources viable. For that reason, we ask for your support of HB 1412.

Thank you.

