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Good afternoon Chairman Weisz and Committee,

My name is Matt Ruby from District 40 in Minot. I brought HB1259 because of the lack of transparency in the process to participate in this program. Currently, the person in charge of the sewer system in each subdivision can elect to participate without any input from any board vote or even a hearing. This is a violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to privacy.

The collection was originally created to detect drug use in communities. It is now being used in ND to test for covid-19. Aside from the issues with that testing, there is a substantial risk with this data collection being used to direct policy not only in today's situation, but also for future insurance premiums among other situations.

I'm not saying there isn't data being collected with good intentions or that there aren't good uses for it, but to be doing this without so much as a public hearing is wrong. I ask for a do pass in favor of transparency. I am happy to stand for questions.

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