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Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in support of SB 2374.

My office currently operates two ombudsmen programs offering support to landowners in pipeline restoration and reclamation and wind energy restoration and reclamation. The ombudsman assesses the on-site impacts and work with both energy industry and the landowners to resolve the issues in a timely and satisfactory manner.

I believe my office can effectively work with royalty owners and the oil and gas industry to help bring clarity and resolution to the issue before the matters end up in court. I will work together with the industry and royalty owners to provide outreach and education to resolve future matters.

Chairman Porter and committee members, I thank you for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer any questions.