

# Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

## Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026

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9:00AM

North Dakota State Capitol

Peace Garden Room

### Chairman Patten & Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel. I live in Bismarck.

I serve as the Secretary of the Nonpartisan League.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, the Nonpartisan League Executive Committee voted to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026.

The State Bank and the State Mill and Elevator illustrate how the model of public ownership of a strategic industry can work to the benefit of the people. Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026 calls for an interim study to investigate the feasibility of establishing a state owned association to develop North Dakota's oil and gas.

This is a prudent measure, for it is better to look before you leap.

I request a **DO PASS** for Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026.

Thank you.

I am open for questions from this committee.