

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill No. 2391 Submitted by Corry Shevlin Spiritwood Energy Park Association 2/5/2025

Chairperson Chairman Clemens, members of the committee,

My name is Corry Shevlin, and I am providing this testimony on behalf of the Spiritwood Energy Park Association to express our strong support for Senate Bill No. 2391, which seeks to designate Stutsman County Road 62 as part of the state highway system.

The Spiritwood Energy Park is a vital economic driver in our region, serving as a hub for advanced energy production, value-added agriculture, and industrial development. The facilities in Spiritwood - that include Dakota Spirit AgEnergy' Ethanol Production Plant, Green Bison Soy Processors' Soybean Crush Plant and Great River Energy's Spiritwood Station - depend on efficient, reliable transportation infrastructure to ensure the smooth movement of raw materials, finished products, and workforce personnel. The designation of Stutsman County Road 62 as part of the state highway system would enhance connectivity between the facilities in Spiritwood, State Highway 46, and Interstate 94 - two major transportation corridors essential for our industry partners.

We appreciate the legislature's commitment to strengthening North Dakota's transportation network and supporting economic growth in our region and across the State of North Dakota. We urge your support for SB 2391 to ensure Spiritwood Energy Park and surrounding industries remain competitive and well-connected and most importantly Safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Corry Shevlin, Chief Operating Officer Spiritwood Energy Park Association