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Senate Bill 2165 Testimony in **Support**

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator Patten, Chair

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Chairman Patten, members of the committee, I am Carlee McLeod, president of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota. On behalf North Dakota's investor-owned utilities, we ask you to support SB 2165.

North Dakota has been blessed with an abundance of natural resources which combine to provide significantly more energy than the citizens and businesses of the state consume. Despite energy being produced by some of the cleanest methods available to each industry, there's so much more on the horizon to be developed in order to preserve and expand our energy production capabilities. We support the additional funding proposed in this bill. We are confident the state will see significant return on investment in the form of new technologies from the projects the authority determines worthy.

We urge you to support SB 2165.

Thank you.

