

1 Chairman Curt Kreun & members of the committee, my name is Scott Skokos and I am
2 testifying on behalf of Dakota Resource Council and our members. Thank you for allowing me
3 to submit written testimony in opposition of HB 1095.

4 Dakota Resource Council (DRC) is a non-partisan grassroots group of landowners, ranchers,
5 farmers, and other citizens. A key part of our mission is to promote the sustainable use of North
6 Dakota's natural resources. We also help our members address concerns that they may have
7 about the proper regulations for energy production that impact them, which includes the wind
8 industry.

9 From our reading of HB 1095, it seeks to create the opportunity for extensions or waivers due to
10 technical or economic feasibility. Unfortunately, while we agree with extensions and fully
11 understand working with a company for economic feasibility. We do not think waivers should be
12 commonplace. Light mitigation of wind towers is important for people living in rural North
13 Dakota.

14 In our conversations and surveys with ND farmers, ranchers, and other landowners, many people
15 express that one of their biggest concerns or issues with wind is the light pollution. One of the
16 many reasons people enjoy living in rural North Dakota is because of the beautiful night sky.
17 The flashing red lights from wind towers detract from that experience. However, technological
18 advances in light mitigation for wind towers is helping to address this issue. Companies should
19 be required to implement this technology and be allowed to apply for an extension only. On page
20 5, line 21-22 it states that "the commission may grant a waiver or an extension of time". We
21 propose an amendment "the commission may grant an extension of time".

22 I urge the committee to oppose or amend HB 1095 because light mitigation technology is
23 important to preserve the rural landscape we all know and love from light pollution, so we
24 recommend a **DO NOT PASS** or the proposed amendment on HB 1095.

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