

**Testimony HB 1373**  
**Senate Government and Veteran Affairs Committee**  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Government and Veterans Committee, my name is Don Morrison. I live in Bismarck and am providing testimony as a volunteer for North Dakota Voters First. We are a non-partisan group of North Dakotans working to strengthen our democracy, help make our elections and public policy more open, ethical, and accountable to the people of our state.

Americans pride ourselves about our right to vote. We need to make sure every citizen has access to voting so that our elections have the necessary integrity and the participation of all Americans.

Early voting for 15 days before an election is currently the law in North Dakota. We think decreasing the time for early voting by a few days is unnecessary. Coupled with a trend of reducing polling locations, this bill is one of several this session that attempts to backtrack on the promise of encouraging voter participation.

North Dakota Voters First asks the committee to recommend a DO NOT PASS on HB 1373. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our thoughts to you today.