

## **HB 1158**

Good morning, Chair Roers, Vice Chair Castaneda, and members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee. For the record, I am Greg Stemen, State Representative for District 27, serving Southern Cass County, Oxbow, Hickson, Wild Rice, Horace and a portion of South Fargo.

House Bill 1158 is a bill that would allow the Secretary of State's office to be given a reasonable amount of time to examine anywhere from 20 to 40 thousand or more signatures when they are required for ballot measures. The request does not, in any way, prohibit the public from accessing the information, it simply provides the office of the Secretary of State with the opportunity to thoroughly examine information prior to making it public record.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce House Bill 1158, Chair Roers and committee members and if you have questions, the Secretary or his staff will be available to provide a response.