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Oppose HB 1297

Chairperson Schauer and members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 1297. As a ND state resident who voted for Approval Voting, my concern and question is, "Why would you propose a bill that was supported by over 30,000 voters in our state and has worked very well for Fargo voters?"

Please let the vote stand and allow local election results to be honored. I ask you to vote NO PASS on HB 1297 and allow approval and ranked choice voting in the communities that choose it through their majority vote. Taking away the vote of the people of this state and communities is not the role of the legislators. We elected you to represent us as voters.

Please, vote NO on HB 1297.

Thank you for your attention and consideration!

Karen Eriksmoen, District 11