

In Favor of HB1583

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of the above House Bill pertaining to a person knowingly, or with reckless disregard for its truth or falsity...

Although we all like a good fire-starter for our first early summer camp out, I find these types of literature offensive, misleading and corrupt. Our mailbox is often over-flowing with such dribble that there is little room left for the important items, such as our inflated utilities bills and surge of tax related statements.

The time and effort spent on producing each piece of literature could be better spent on researching the candidate or issue, but I digress. The increasing negative campaigning should be beneath the integrity of our State. Many citizens don't closely follow elected officials to truthfully know voting records or stances, so they tend to believe what they see and hear about the opposition, (we have neighbors who hangs the flyers from their mail boxes). I will agree that placing photos of elected officials taking siestas at hearings might be fair-game, but implanting devil horns on pastors is not. I don't believe this bill goes far enough to protect our candidates and the sanity of our ND residents, but it is a step in the right direction.

Please give a DO PASS on HB1583.

Thank you,  
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