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Honorable Jim Kasper, Chair
House Government and Veterans Committee
North Dakota House of Representatives

RE: House Bill 1182

Dear Chairman Kasper and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today to speak in opposition to House Bill 1182. Although I am currently the Mayor of Jamestown, I have not asked our City Council to offer an opinion on this bill, so I am writing on my own behalf in opposition to this bill.

It is not difficult at all for anyone with any concern regarding a candidate's political leanings to learn if someone running for a non-partisan position such as city council member or county commissioner tends to be a Democrat, Republican, or a member of a fringe party. What we need on city council and similar local political subdivision elected positions are people whose priority is serving their community. I believe in our two party system and I commend those of you willing to make that commitment and reap the rewards or endure the sufferings of those decisions. Most everyone in Jamestown knows that I am a Republican. I ran for the legislature as a Republican, and I still currently serve on our local party's executive committee. I do not however, wear that hat at City Hall.

Quite frankly, it is difficult to get good, hardworking, mainstream individuals be they Republican or Democrat to get involved in local politics. I am sure that many of you have experienced that at the State level in your own legislative districts.

This is something that is not wanted, not needed, would serve no useful purpose, and one which I respectfully urge you give a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours Truly,

Dwaine Heinrich, Mayor
City of Jamestown, North Dakota