

Chairman Kasper, members of the committee, my name is Alex Anderson and I serve as the Director of Governmental Affairs for the University of North Dakota's Student Government. I'm North Dakota born and raised, and have moved seven times throughout the state, but as the 2018 midterm elections came around, I reviewed the policies and went through the procedures to guarantee I was registered and set to vote in my precinct in Grand Forks. As a North Dakotan, should this policy be implemented, I worry my fellow North Dakotan classmates, who may be new to their precinct, may not qualify for the 90-day residency requirement. For example, this academic year, freshmen students started moving into their dorms on August 22nd. 73 days later, the November 3rd election occurred. Under current policy, an individual must have proof of residency of at least 30 days. Given the changes this policy would make, those students, and a number of transfer students, would fall outside of the 90-day timeline.

It is the concern of UND Student Government that this bill, if passed, runs the risk of disenfranchising current North Dakota resident students at the University of North Dakota, and potentially across the state of North Dakota. You can reference the resolution passed by UND Student Government, which was submitted alongside the written testimony of Matthew Ternus.