

Chairman Kasper, members of the committee, my name is Kaelan Reedy and I currently serve as the Student Body Vice President within the University of North Dakota's Student Government. Engaging in the electoral process is a right to all citizens of our great and good nation. Our student government has long promoted the students' right to vote and student engagement in electoral politics. I think we can all agree, when those that live in our state participate in the democratic process of elections, our state is better represented. UND Student Government worries that, should H.B. 1289 pass, student populations would see a greater impact than other populations, meaning a significant number of our classmates may find themselves ineligible to have a voice in the community which they are planting their roots in.

Such time requirements, residing in the state for a year and within the precinct for 90 days, would remove many students from the pool of qualified electors. Our students are members of our greater North Dakota community, just like everyone else, and shouldn't have to potentially fall victim to timeline policies because of their recent arrival to our state.