Testimony SB 1312 House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee, my name is Don Morrison. I live in Bismarck and I am a volunteer for North Dakota Voters First, which is a non-partisan, grassroots North Dakota group working to strengthen our democracy, help make our elections and public policy more open, ethical, and accountable to the people of our state.

We want to raise concerns about the provisions of this bill that will make it more difficult for the citizens of North Dakota to vote. Voting should not a be difficult. Our nation has long believed in and promoted to the world that everyone's voice and vote should be counted. This bill goes in the opposite direction by putting up barriers and removing early in-person voting, which would make voting more difficult.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1312.

We recommend that the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee give SB 1312 a Do Not Pass.