

Good Morning Chairman Vedaa and esteemed members of the Senate GVA Committee. For the record, I am Rep. Bill Devlin from District 23 and I live in Finley. District 23 is a rural district that encompasses all of Steele, Griggs, Nelson & Eddy counties as well as half of Benson County.

It is my pleasure this morning to present HB1191, which is a bi-partisan bill that has the support of the leaders of both parties in both chambers as well as many other.

This bill is all about transparency in the election process. As I watched the last campaign unfold for statewide and legislative candidates, I was troubled by the expensive advertising campaigns being run for or against various candidates.

I am a firm believer in free speech, but I am also a firm believer in transparency in our elections. Simply put, this bill requires multi-candidate political committees to report expenditures over \$200.00, in the aggregate, they have made for or against a candidate in the primary or general elections.

The bill requires the multi-candidate Committee to report those expenditures on a Secretary of State's financial disclosure reports just as you as legislative candidates or statewide candidates must do now. The Citizens of our great state deserve who is funding campaigns in favor of or against a candidate.

I believe this is a step in the right direction and hope you will give this bill your due consideration and support.

Thank you, Chairman Vedaa, and members of the committee