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Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

In support of HB 1170

Good morning Chairman Burckhard and members of the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee. I am Larry Syverson, the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Township Officers Association. NDTOA represents the nearly 6,000 Township Officers that serve 1,317 organized ND Townships.

I wish to thank the Secretary of State and his staff for all the work they did on this issue and Representatives Nehring and Hagert for introducing HB 1170 on our behalf.

This bill is not about excusing township officers from being recalled, it is about making it simpler to replace them.

One does not have to file a petition to get on the ballot for a township election. Our elections are simple, at the annual township meeting nominations are made and then there is a ballot, that's it.

If the citizens are unhappy with the job being done by an officer they should be able to replace that officer in a similar manor. It should not require input from the Secretary of State and the Attorney General.

HB 1170 would provide that simple way for the citizens to replace their township officers if they wish. Please give it your favorable consideration.

Thank you Chairman Burckhard and committee members; that concludes my prepared statement; I will try to answer any questions you may have.

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