

Good morning Chairwoman Roers and committee members-

For the record, I am Representative Donna Henderson from District 9B in North Eastern North Dakota- representing parts of Cavalier, Towner, and Rolette counties.

I'm here today in support of Senate Bill 2339.

This is bill that would allow for review of our ND election results.

As I was campaigning this last election cycle, I asked my constituents what concerns they had. And that if elected, what would they like to see me accomplish in Bismarck. Election integrity came up over and over again.

Unfortunately, issues in past elections across the nation, has left its mark.

I've heard from eligible voters that don't vote because they don't trust the system and that's the real travesty here. The voters who have lost faith in our election process to the point they don't want to participate any longer.

This bill is not meant to feed that fire of doubt but rather to put that fear to rest.

This bill is what we need for transparency and to prove to the citizens of ND that our elections are sound, and that our process is correct. We want to ensure that our election processes are working as intended. This bill would do just that.

I ask you adopt the proposed amendment, and give the amended bill a do pass to give reassurance to our voters that our elections in ND are accurate.

Thank you, Madam Chair and committee.

Representative Donna Henderson – District 9B