

As a resident of Fargo, I've seen firsthand the benefits of having a more representative group on our city commission. Before Approval Voting was instituted here, I believe there were 2 or 3 less supported candidates who became commissioners simply because of the flaws inherent when there are many candidates. They weren't as serious and they definitely weren't as representative of the population's wishes.

This result, that the winning candidates would better represent this constituency, was what I and others I have spoken with, hoped for when we voted to move to Approval Voting. Removing this method as an option for the entire state would reverse the will of the majority of the residents of Fargo. Therefore, I respectfully ask you not to pass HB 1297.