

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1424
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Schauer and members of the House Government and Veteran Affairs Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1424 is much needed legislation. This legislation returns the legislative candidacy on the ballot to the respective political parties and removes political party legislative candidacy by petition if the political district so chooses. This best keeps control of each political party to that respective party. There have been a number of occasions in the last decade where the opposing political parties have manipulated the candidacies and elections of one particular party. The crossover votes enabled by current primary election practices unfairly taint the process. HB1424 would end these manipulations and hand control of each political party back to those who best represent that respective party's ideals.

With HB1424, Republicans can be Republicans and Democrats can be Democrats. The beauty of HB1424 is that if a political district wants to continue with current practices of both party endorsement and petition to place a candidate's name on the ballot, they can still choose to do this.

Please give HB1424 a Do Pass Recommendation.

Thank you,

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