

**Recommend Do Not Pass On HB 1446 - Amy Olson (Chair and Member of District 27 Republicans)**

As a citizen who wants to be civically engaged, this bill would disenfranchise me and many others who seek to be involved in the political process. It removes the ability for a district political party to endorse a candidate and moves the process exclusively to the general public in a state where there is no voter registration or party affiliation necessary to vote in the primary. The vetting of candidates by the party is completely eliminated and therefore the party affiliation is meaningless. With the increased signature requirement it also favors candidates who can hire people to gather signatures which makes politics exclusively a rich man's game.

I urge you to recommend Do Not Pass on HB1446 to protect the right of citizens to put forward a candidate through the party endorsement process. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Amy Olson  
Chair and Member of District 27 Republicans