

Dear Committee members,

I'm writing to express strong opposition to House Bill 1446, which proposes changes to the North Dakota Century Code regarding primary election ballot placements and the repeal of certain party endorsement sections. This bill undermines political parties by restricting their ability to endorse and nominate candidates who align with their values, thus weakening the party system and diminishing candidate quality. It also limits voter choice and transparency by repealing endorsement-related sections, making informed voting more difficult. By centralizing control and reducing local party members' influence, this bill threatens fundamental democratic principles. Therefore, I urge a DO NOT PASS and support measures that enhance transparency, inclusivity, and fairness in our electoral system. Thank you for your consideration.

Thanks you for considering,

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