



**Testimony in Support of HB 1469
House Political Subdivisions Committee
February 7, 2025**

Chair Longmuir and Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee:

My name is Carol Sawicki, and I am a board member and representative of the League of Women Voters of North Dakota. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1469.

HB 1469 amends sections of the Century Code to require individuals holding public office, not just individuals running for office, to file annual statements of interest, and all statements of interest (either filed while a candidate or while holding office) will be published on the Secretary of State's website.

In addition, 1469 will require statements of interest to include a list of financial interests related to selling goods or services to political subdivisions, state agencies and departments, as well as ownership interest in an employer, business, or trust. The statements must also include the same financial interests of the spouse of the candidate or office holder.

The League of Women Voters promotes policies that shine a light on the influence of money in elections and that make campaign finance systems more transparent. LWVND believes that HB 1469 further promotes financial transparency and requests that the Committee give the bill a Do Pass recommendation.

Thank you, Chair Longmuir and Members of the Committee, for your consideration.

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