

**My name is Ritika Gerdes from West Fargo, North Dakota. I strongly oppose SCR 4007, which would require constitutional amendments to address only a single subject. This resolution is problematic for several reasons. First, the “single-subject rule” is inherently vague and has led to thousands of court cases nationwide, creating confusion and inconsistent rulings. North Dakota’s existing single-subject rule for legislative bills has already caused significant issues, as seen in 2023 when the ND Supreme Court struck down SB 2015, forcing a special session to avoid a government shutdown. Extending this rule to constitutional amendments will only invite more litigation and misinterpretation.**

**Second, SCR 4007 grants disproportionate power to the Secretary of State to determine what constitutes a “single subject” for initiated amendments, while exempting legislatively proposed amendments from the same scrutiny. This creates an unfair imbalance and undermines the democratic process. Additionally, placing this amendment on the June 2026 primary ballot, when voter turnout is historically low, raises concerns about fairness and representation. North Dakotans have consistently defended their right to initiate constitutional amendments, and this resolution represents another attempt to limit that power.**

**I urge the committee to issue a Do Not Pass recommendation for SCR 4007. Thank you for your time and consideration.**