

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION
TO SCR 4007

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My name is Denise Ann Dykeman. I am a resident of Minot, North Dakota, and practicing attorney. This written testimony is presented in opposition to SCR 4007 which is a direct assault on the freedoms North Dakotans have cherished for generations.

Article III of the North Dakota Constitution, titled "Powers Reserved to the People," ensures that we, the citizens, have the power to make decisions that directly impact our lives. This bill would make it harder for citizens to work on citizen-initiated constitutional ballot measures, which has been our constitutional right for over 100 years.

In this bill there is no good definition of what "single subject" is; the Secretary of State would be the one to decide if a measure is single subject or not and could say no to ballot measures arbitrarily based on their opinions. That's not a democratic process. That takes away the powers reserved to the people.

This bill is a dangerous precedent that weakens North Dakotan's voices in government.

Please oppose SCR 4007

Respectfully,

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