



# SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE

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Before the North Dakota Legislative Assembly  
Regarding SCR 4014  
Thursday, February 20, 2025

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lonna Street, and I serve as the Chairwoman of the Spirit Lake Tribe. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SCR 4014.

The Spirit Lake Tribe, alongside another tribal nations, legally challenged North Dakota's redistricting process for District 9 and we won. Our lawsuit demonstrated that the state failed to properly consider Native voting rights and fair representation when drawing legislative boundaries. Instead of acknowledging this decision and working collaboratively with tribes moving forward, this resolution appears to be yet another attempt to research and find new ways to change the system without full tribal consultation.

We strongly oppose this study because it does not guarantee tribal voices a meaningful role in the process. The state has a legal and moral obligation to engage in full consultation with tribal nations before making any changes that affect our voting power. Any attempt to modify election processes in districts containing tribal lands must be transparent and done with the full participation of the impacted communities.

Respectfully, we suggest rather than conducting studies that could open the door to future changes, we urge the Legislature to focus on upholding the rights we fought for and won in court. We expect direct consultation on any election-related proposals affecting tribal citizens.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose SCR 4014. Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lonna Street". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lonna Street  
Chairwoman, Spirit Lake Tribe