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RE: HB #1182 (1/21/2021 Hearing – 8:30 A.M.)

Dear Chair Kasper and Honorable Members of the House Government & Veterans Affairs Committee:

I am requesting you to support a **“DO NOT PASS”** on House Bill #1182 relating to permitting party designations for county and local elections.

City elective offices in our great State of North Dakota have been elected without party designation likely since statehood. Why the change, party affiliation is irrelevant to providing quality services at the local level. The decision making process amongst elected city officials is not based or influenced by party affiliation; decisions are made for the common good of all the citizens.

Further, in city elections, local candidates are known for the person they are, not for the party they are affiliated to. Do we want local candidates elected to the party they represent or for the people they represent. Keep city elected offices non-party affiliated, whether the proposed bill makes it optional.

Again, your support for a **“DO NOT PASS”** on House Bill #1182 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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