

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1182

House Government & Veteran Affairs Committee

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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Dana Sande and I'm the City Council President for the City of Grand Forks. I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and express my opposition to House Bill 1182.

While campaigning in Grand Forks, I get a lot of questions about specific city issues, not about party politics. Neighborhood traffic concerns, road construction and snow removal are all things local elected officials deal with while in office. None of these local issues have an "R" or a "D" on them.

Yes, as City Council Members we do have our own ideological philosophies. Some are more conservative while some are more moderate, but as a City Council we tackle each issue individually and do what is best for our city on each particular issue.

With this form of local politics in mind, the Grand Forks City Council voted to oppose a similar bill in 2019 and I continue to stand behind that decision. We feel that keeping party politics out of local elections is the right thing for The City of Grand Forks.

The passage of House Bill 1182 is not in the best interest of the City of Grand Forks. Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully ask for a DO NOT PASS on House Bill 1182.