

Thank you for the chance to address the members of the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. I am writing in opposition to SB 2160.

The first obstacle I see with the amendment is the task of educating voters. There would need to be money set aside to educate voters that this change would be occurring. In 2020, many North Dakotans voted by absentee ballot and would need to know how to vote differently in future elections.

Another aspect is that people might think they are signed up to receive an absentee ballot for both the primary and general elections and then have to scramble to get an absentee ballot for the general when the expected ballot does not arrive in the mail. This could affect elderly voters, voters with disabilities, and voters with young children (me).

I hope you will vote not to recommend SB 2160, because it could affect individuals wanting to vote absentee and missing deadlines.

Thank you for your time,

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