

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1116
in the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1116 is needed legislation to bring uniformity to the current campaign finance laws between various elected office holders.

Currently, school board candidates do not have to disclose their campaign finances. Although I do not perceive this legislation to be as large of a need in greater North Dakota, it is necessary in the larger school districts such as Fargo and Grand Forks. Significant monies from out of state were used for the current Fargo school board members recently elected, while those who were not elected had largely in-state donors. I believe the public deserves to know the candidate's campaign finance contributions and where this support originated.

HB1116 is the superior bill between two bills addressing this issue because of investment of its proponents. HB1116 was initially authored in July 2022, and its sponsor and citizen-advocates are invested in its passage.

HB1116 will make good policy.

Thank you,

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