

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1273. Since recently coming of age to vote, I had the opportunity to use approval voting in last year's city election and saw how it granted us more control and choices in the democratic process.

With approval voting, voters are able to show their support for multiple candidates, resulting in a more precise representation of their views. This system eliminates the need for voters to make the difficult choice between two undesirable options and gives them the power to select the candidates they genuinely support.

I implore you to reject HB1273 and preserve the right of local communities, like Fargo, to make their own decisions regarding election methods. Approval voting is a just and clear method of election and should be an option for adoption by all voters in North Dakota.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony.

Sincerely,

Kaden Kerzman

Fargo Resident