

Testimony in Opposition to HCR 3003
April 4, 2024

Chair and members of the committee, my name is Whitney Oxendahl, and I am writing in opposition to HCR 3003. This resolution would weaken the power of the people to amend the state constitution given to them in Article III of our constitution.

There are other ways you can ensure that voters understand the impacts of the ballot measures before voting than trying to make it harder for citizens to exercise their constitutional rights to amend the constitution.

Two ways to educate voters on the constitutional ballot measures:

- The League of Women Voters of North Dakota publishes their nonpartisan voter guide on [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) for the state elections, which includes a plain language summary of each statewide ballot measure.
- If Senate Bill 2230 passes, the ND Secretary of State would summarize the statewide constitutional ballot measures and distribute it to voters.

VOTE411.org and a summary from the Secretary of State ensures that voters can cast their ballot with confidence. These solutions are better for the people, getting to the root cause of legislators' concerns of people voting without understanding the full impact of constitutional ballot measures.

Please give HCR 3003 a Do Not Pass recommendation. Focus on other solutions instead of asking voters to weaken their constitutional right to amend the state constitution through the initiative process.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony.