

Opposing HCR 3003

Ms. Chairwoman Roers and State and Local Government Committee.

I am writing in opposition to HCR3003, a change in our State Constitution.

I have heard more times this session than ever before from our Legislators how sacred the Constitution is, but when YOU want to make changes, it is as easy as a few votes on a Chamber floor.

I have been on the for-front of collecting signatures to get a Measure on a Ballot so I know how difficult that task is. But the work does not end there. It continues with advertising, promoting and educating the citizens of our State that what the proposed Measure will do, is in their best interest. If a Measure is placed on the ballot by the citizens, and passes, it is often because you, the Legislators, didn't do as you were asked and a lot of faithful citizens did the hard work and made it happen. It is not because of the percentage of votes, as HCR3003 is trying to change. If you want to discourage people from voting in policies you don't agree with, start with disallowing the funds that come in that are promoting them or fighting the ones you support. The ND State Legislative Assembly has a concerning amount of Concurrent Resolutions trying to change our "sacred" Constitution. This is a bad one.

Please give a DO NOT PASS on HCR3003.

Thank you.

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