



MINNESOTA COUNCIL
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ATTN: Minnesota House Ways and Means Committee

Dear Chair Olson and members of the committee,

At the Minnesota Council on Foundations, one of our key advocacy priorities is strengthening democratic systems and promoting civic participation. We are committed to supporting efforts to expand and protect voting rights and voting access, with a focus on making our democracy more inclusive.

We are writing to express our support for HF 3, also known as the Democracy for the People Act. This bill would expand opportunities for voter registration and work to remove unnecessary barriers to voting. Automatic voter registration, automatic absentee ballots, language access, and voter preregistration will increase access to voting, ultimately making it easier for voters from historically underrepresented groups to fully participate in voting and elections.

We are heartened to see efforts that expand and protect our democracy and are eager to see this bill signed into law this year. Thank you for your leadership and the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,
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