H.F. 2802, Opposing Testimony Letter of Molly Aung,

My name is Molly Aung, and I'm writing out of concern over recent measures being taken that limit third parties, and thus the people's, right to representation in Minnesota.

The independent political parties of Minnesota deserve a better chance of winning major party status by lowering ballot access, not making it more difficult.

This is supposed to be a democracy, but time and again the process favors the elite over working citizens. Political Representatives are supposed to represent their constituents, and not partisan interests.

The independent political parties have a right and duty to be political. We have a responsibility to stand up and do what we're doing.

We're working harder, against greater odds. The polished DFL and GOP politicians do not represent the people's best interests when they're creating laws to limit freedom.

What does really matter is coming together to fight crimes against other persons, hunger, homelessness, and many more pressing issues, not stifling democracy.

Politics is akin to politeness. We are sharing and partaking in abundance, civilly. There is enough for everyone, so we should all be welcome to the table.

I beg of you to reconsider this initiative.

Sincerely, Molly Aung