

**Testimony of Chris Wright, Legal Marijuana Now Party,
Submitted to the Elections, Finance, & Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
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Mr. Chair and Committee Members, I urge you to vote NO on HF2802.

When it comes to defending our fragile democracy, restoring citizen control of government, and reining in corporate power, we are in the fight of our lives.

Redefining the major party status threshold to 10-percent is an attempt to end our multiparty democracy in favor of a money-controlled uni-party with two wings, Democrats who pretend to prefer human rights over property rights and Republicans who would rather die than be hypocritical.

Sadly, the tradition of multiparty democracy that spawned Farmer-Labor Governor Floyd B. Olson and gave us Independence Governor Jesse Ventura will end.

Since the Independence Party, the Green Party received major party status. The major party success of the Grassroots Party and the Legal Marijuana Now Party, has forced the legislature to pass the legalization of marijuana; which will probably pass this year. Obviously, marginalized party's have become too successful to allow a multiparty democracy to exist.

A duopoly to end competition may seem like a good idea. Dictator Napoleon Bonaparte noted, "I have come to realize that men are not born to be free. Liberty is a need felt by a small class of people whom nature has endowed with nobler minds than the mass of men;...Consequently, it may be repressed with impunity. Equality, on the other hand, pleases the masses." A two-party tyranny is the antithesis of liberty and equality.

Thank you.