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Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and members of the committee. My name is Emma Rage and I'm the Policy & Civic Engagement Manager at Common Cause Minnesota.

Common Cause MN is a nonpartisan grassroots organization working to create an open, transparent, and accountable government. Although we do have a C4 arm, we have never endorsed a political party or candidate. Our base is over 1.5M members and 28 offices nationwide. Our base in Minnesota is just over 26,000 members. Despite belonging to various party affiliations, or not being affiliated, the one thing our members have come together to do is support our work ensuring our Republic's democracy is safeguarded, and everyone's vote counts.

**We are grateful to Representative Nash for moving HF931 and support the reforms outlined in this bill.**

Each major election season Common Cause runs MN's largest nonpartisan Election Protection program; *WeVoteMN!* We are the largest and only nonpartisan program in the state. Our goal is simple – provide resources to voters, answer questions about voting, and ensure that voters have a safe and positive experience when casting their ballot. Our largest Election Protection field program consisted of well over 2,100 nonpartisan statewide volunteers.

Each election season we see a significant number of individuals reach out to our nonpartisan election protection hotline confused about whether or not they have voted. Many times, the confusion stems from filling out absentee ballots and applications sent by non-elections office entities.

**We respectfully ask members of this committee to support Representative Nash's HF931 bill. This policy centers voter turnout, confidence, and understanding in our elections process.**

Thank you for your dedication to all Minnesotans as you work in committee.

Emma Rage

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Rage".

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