

Written Testimony for House Elections and Finance Policy Committee on HF2802

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RE: Opposition to HF 2802

I write today in opposition to HF 2802. I'm a registered Democrat in the state of Minnesota. That shouldn't really matter, but I figured it might to some. Even so, I have voted for Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Independent candidates throughout my voting career. I appreciate choice. I appreciate diversity. I take time researching candidates of all parties before making my final decisions. I can only see HF 2802 as a blatant suppression of voice, choice and diversity and I couldn't disagree with it any more.

Third parties in MN already have a more than difficult road to ballot access. The current 5% vote threshold has been proven plenty difficult to attain. Doubling this threshold to 10% seems unnecessary and in my mind only serves to limit choice and silence the voices of the minority.

The people of Minnesota deserve the right to choose. We deserve more choices not less. We deserve ballots that include candidates reflecting and representing all views of those residing in Minnesota.