



May 6, 2024

Dear Chairs Carlson and Freiberg and Members of the Elections Policy Conference Committee:

We Choose Us (WCU) is a coalition of over 40 grassroots organizations, unions and advocacy groups committed to building multiracial democracy in Minnesota. We write to share our support for key provisions of the Elections Policy Omnibus Bills under consideration in this conference committee.

We Choose Us strongly supports the following provisions:

- **On-campus polling locations at post-secondary institutions** (House Language - lines 22.7 - 22.12), a proposal providing greater ability for college students to vote, reducing key voting barriers many youth face, and ensuring that young Minnesotan voices are heard in our elections;
- The **Minnesota Voting Rights Act** (House Language - lines 4.18 - 13.5), landmark legislation that would restore and clarify protections against discrimination for voters of color in Minnesota. The MNVRA is a prime opportunity to build on our state's democracy leadership and stand firmly in support of the right to vote; and
- The **elimination of prison gerrymandering** (House Language lines 55.12 - 58.15, Senate Language lines 2.14 - 4.21, 54.17 - 60.24) in our state, which counts incarcerated individuals at their place of legal residency rather than their prison location for redistricting purposes. This would ensure fair and accurate representation for all communities, and would especially work against the dilution of political power in communities of color.

We also support the requirement that school districts in our state provide students with **pre-registration and registration information**, which will encourage young people to become lifelong voters, as well as the provisions to ensure that information about **translation and interpretation at the polls** is publicly available.

We thank Chair Carlson and Chair Freiberg for their leadership of the Elections Policy Omnibus bills and encourage strong support for the aforementioned provisions to be included in the final Conference Committee Report.

Sincerely,

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and We Choose Us Coalition Partners:



100% Campaign	ISAIAH
Asian American Organizing Project	Jewish Community Action
African Career Education and Resources	Land Stewardship Project
AFL-CIO	League of Women Voters
AFSCME Council 5	Main Street Alliance
Ayada Leads	Minnesota Association of Professional Employees
Barbershop and Black Congregation Cooperative	Minnesota Association of Peacemakers
CAIR Minnesota	Minnesota Nurses Association
Citizens United	Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance
Clean Elections Minnesota	Minnesota Voice
Clean Water Action	Minnesota Move to Amend State Network
Conservation Minnesota	Muslim Coalition
COPAL	Native American Community Development Institute
ERA Minnesota	New Justice Project
Fe y Justicia	OutFront Minnesota
Fair Vote	Planned Parenthood
Grassroots in Action	Pro-Choice MN
Healthy Democracy Healthy People	SEIU
Indivisible	TakeAction Minnesota
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Inter Faculty Organization	Unidos
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