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Common Cause MN is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy. We work to create open, honest, and accountable government that serves the public interest; promote equal rights, opportunity, and representation for all. HF3 is reflective of several of those prodemocracy core values.

Minnesota is home to over 18,000 bipartisan members across the state and despite belonging to various MN party affiliations, or not being affiliated, the one thing they've come together to do is support our work ensuring our Republic's democracy is safeguarded, our elections continue to reflect the will of Minnesotans and everyone's vote counts.

To be truly of, by, and for the people, government must reflect everyone it serves. Voting rights, unabridged access to the ballot and safeguards around the integrity of our elections are critical to ensuring all Minnesotans have a say in shaping the future for our families and communities. We believe democracy is how a free society resolves its differences. And in order to do that well, we must all agree the process is fair, produces equitable outcomes, and reflects our communities, our values, and our priorities. Nobody wins all the time, but if the process is fair, at least we can trust it. SF3 takes us in that direction.

Specifically, we support the following provisions:

Article I's sections on:

- Restoring the vote
- Automatic voter registration
- Pre-registration of 16, 17-year-olds

Article II's sections on:

- Voting instructions and sample ballots in languages other than English
- Intimidation and interference in the voting process

Article III's sections on:

- Democracy Dollar Coupon Program

We urge Sen. Boldon to consider the added impact on the Office of the Secretary of State in its oversight role and as the office responsible for education and outreach designated within SF3/HF3 as well as various other bills.

We respectfully ask that an appropriation be made to the Office of the Secretary of State allowing for responsible oversight and fulfillment of duties so that the risk of unintended consequences is avoided.

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

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