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Common Cause MN is a nonpartisan grassroots organization working to create open, honest, and accountable government, more information about our work at www.commoncause.org. **We respectfully ask members of the committee to support the prodemocracy bills being heard this afternoon.**

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 of 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. SF1193, SF1463, SF1515 and SF1507 take us in that direction.

Specifically, we support **SF1507** on intimidation of election officials has increased and election officials across the country have come under attack. Provisions in SF1507, particularly Sec. 4, are necessary to protect the overall integrity of our election process and outcomes. Unfortunately, it does not include the thousands of election judges/polling place workers that make Election Day happen. We respectfully ask Sen. Putt Mitchell to amend SF1507 and make it inclusive of everyone with key roles in our elections.

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

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