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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4026

To whom it may concern,

Please do not pass this bill, HB 4026A. It is infringing on our rights and our abilities to uphold our city council to their oaths. I am an in-city north plains registered voter. I am appalled at my city council's behaviors. The entire UGB decision process was done under a secrecy I've never seen before. I never saw notifications in my water bill. I never was able to voice my concerns. I felt like my city council wouldn't listen even if I tried. Then I worked to get the referendum passed. Not an easy feat to get 10% of a voting population to sign up to say we'd like a say in this! Then when I went to council meetings I was yelled at and called an outsider - I've lived here my entire life. The council has made it a hostile environment to even state you don't like their choices. By being able to bring a referendum I am able to tell them I do not like their choices. I do not agree that several of them can financially gain from this UGB yet did not recuse themselves. Please kill this unconstitutional bill and allow the voters to continue to have a say in the democratic process in the cities they live in.