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Good afternoon, Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and esteemed members of the House Government Oversight Committee.

Our right to vote is integral to our United States Democracy. Our right to express our opinions and our political beliefs is at the backbone of our country's ideology. Freedom of speech is not so free when a Homeowner Association or HOA's prohibit political yard signs in their 100-page documents. Our fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression extends to the display of our political opinions. No association should be able to take that right away from someone for something as simple as a sign supporting political candidates or political issues. As a society we should respect the political choices and beliefs of individuals, as well as respect the expression of such. This is why I have introduced House Bill 668.

House Bill 668 would prohibit HOA's from restricting the display of political signs in an individual's property within the boundary of current state and local laws. As a proud Republican, I have endorsed various political candidates and issues with yard signs, and I would implore Democrats to do the same. This is not a singular party issue, rather it is a measure to sustain our basic rights in a very simple and reasonable way. This bill is not political nor radical, it is very clear and very intentional, if you own the property, you should be able to endorse the political beliefs of your choosing.

I hope everyone here today can see the use for this legislation, and hopefully we can work together to get this bill through the House.

Thank you again Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and esteemed members of the House Government Oversight Committee. I am open to any questions from the committee.