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Chairwoman Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Senate General Government Committee, thank you for your time and for allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill 107, which would require candidates running for local school boards to affiliate with a party on the general ballot.

In the day and age when K–12 education is one of the top focuses in our nation and around the world—and for those who understand that our children are the primary target of those who want to destroy our great country—we must ensure that our great country continues to be great.

At a time when there are clear divides between those who believe our country should continue the belief system of the great Founding Fathers and all that was incorporated into creating an independent nation free from tyranny through the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, versus those who do not, we need to clearly define—by way of party affiliation on the general ballot—the knowledge of who we are voting for and the belief system of each candidate.

For over four years, I have been deeply involved in the local education system and have been extremely successful in both my run for the Lakota School Board and in my service as a school board member. I have been a consistent advocate for party affiliation on school board ballots from the very beginning, and I am thrilled to see that the senator with whom I discussed this issue—Senator George Lang—is a strong supporter of this bill. Senator Lang truly cares about our community, county and the future of our education system.

If we want to save our state and country from radical communist agendas, party affiliation for school board members is helpful in doing so. I respectfully urge members of this committee to vote in favor of this bill and move it out of committee for a vote on the Senate floor.

Thank you for your time,

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