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Dear Chairman Mortimer and Committee:

Sen. Mary Souza of Coeur d'Alene has proposed moving school trustee elections from obscure dates that are low-profile, low-turnout affairs to the more elevated November general election cycle. Her reasoning is that greater voter participation will lead to greater representation for all the people within a school district's boundaries. **We think she's right.**

S1103 does 2 main things:

The purpose of the bill is to increase the very, very low voter turnout in these elections. We need the majority of citizens to vote – the cost and direction of the education system is vital.

School boards are under appreciated! They hire superintendents and make important policy, curricular, discipline, taxing, and spending decisions. We need voters to focus on these elections. The focus on schoolboard and school bond elections is very, very important.

Thank you for your time,

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