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## Written Testimony in Support of SB 1388

Chairman Schaible and Senate Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Dr. Katherine Terras, and I represent Certification Central. We testify in support of SB 1388. However, we live in a small rural school district and have concerns regarding how the proposed education foundation aid funding formula may determine whether some small schools will close or remain open. It is our hope that the committee members would remain cognizant of the unique challenges of small schools, especially for rural schools that are 60 miles or further from a major North Dakota city. The decisions whether a school closes or remains open should be left to local control and not determined by a funding formula that has limited ability to account for the vast variables and unique challenges. We support SB 1388 if local control has the final say concerning their own schools.