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**Testimony on HB 1210
Senate Education Committee
February 17, 2021**

Chairman Schaible and members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Nick Archuleta, and I am the president of North Dakota United. I am happy to rise today to urge a DO PASS recommendation for HB 1210.

Mr. Chairman, HB 1210, introduced by Representative Matt Ruby and others, is a very straight forward bill that will study the feasibility and desirability of creating a plan to reimburse teachers for out-of-pocket expenditures that enhance the learning of their students.

On average, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, teachers in the United States spend \$500 dollars on materials for their classrooms. These items may be books, manipulatives, or any number of things that make learning easier and more fun for their students. When Rep. Ruby introduced a bill that would provide for reimbursement last session, there were some unknowns that complicated the bill.

At ND United, we believe in making decisions based on reliable data, not on preconceived notions. HB 1210, if passed, would provide the data necessary to inform the legislature whether a plan to reimburse teachers for out-of-pocket expenses is necessary and feasible. For that reason, members of the Committee, I urge a DO PASS recommendation for HB 1210.

I am happy to stand for questions.