

February 1, 2023

Dear Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee:

I support ND House Bill 1532 relating to educational reimbursement for families like mine who choose private school for our children.

Our family is grateful to have the option for our three children, ages 12, 9, and 7 to attend Catholic school in Fargo. We have made many financial sacrifices to afford tuition. Passing ND House Bill 1532 would alleviate the financial burden for us and others. We believe in school choice. The choice we made has allowed our children to grow and learn with the foundation of their faith and virtues, as well as the ability to celebrate and pray together daily, and aligns with our family values.

I support HB 1532 in our state as this supports parents and would alleviate the cost burden for our family and others who choose their own path for their children.

Thank you for your consideration.

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