

Dear Senate Committee,

I am writing as a taxpayer, parent, and a public school employee urging a NO vote to HB 1532.

I absolutely disagree with using public funds to assist in private education. Those institutions are not an option for most taxpayers in ND due to the cost or distance. Giving money to fund them will ultimately take away funding from public schools. Our public schools educate all students no matter the grade-point average, physical abilities, or mental abilities.

Public schools have many tedious requirements that private schools do not have to adhere to. Just look at the number of bills introduced in this legislation session that apply to public schools that would have zero warrant with a private school.

I read many of the testimonies and notice that most of the ones who are in favor are parents or employees of private schools. I can absolutely see why they would be in favor of this bill as it would help them directly. I agree with a parent's choice in education, but when choosing private schools, those same parents also know that a private school comes with a cost. Some of these private schools could see more aid than some of our smaller public districts with this bill.

Maybe a tour of a private school versus the facilities at a rural public school would help encourage a no vote on this bill.

Please vote NO on HB 1532.

Thank you for your time,

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