

Madam Chairperson and Judiciary Committee members,

My name is Tammy Owens from Fargo, ND. I am writing in support of bill S2188. I am just a citizen and grandparent that is concerned about the children of our state and the eroding rights of parents that are being taken over by government

Section 1 is dealing with the health care of the children. Parents should have the right to know what treatment and procedures will be done to their children. Parents are responsible for paying the medical costs so they should be made aware of what is being done.

Section 2 allows that parents have the right to direct their children's education, religious training, and healthcare. These decisions should be left up to parents and not any government entity. The parents should have the right to opt their children out of anything that they find objectionable but unless there is transparency from the school they will not be able to. If something is contrary to the family's beliefs this will also allow the parents to address the issues with their children based on their moral beliefs.

Another point is as taxpayers the parents should have the right to know what is being taught to their children. This will hold the school and individual teachers more accountable. Parents should not have to fight to know what is being taught.

This bill will assure that the parents have a final say in their children's upbringing and teaching.

I ask you give bill S2188 a DO PASS recommendation.

Thank you for your time and service.

Tammy Owens