

Madam Chairman and the Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Miki Thompson. I am a homeschool parent from Dickinson. I am writing to urge you to recommend a Do Pass on SB 2260.

In our state, that values family and personal freedoms, it almost seems silly that we would have to pass laws that make a parent's right to make decisions for their own children unquestionable. Unfortunately, those rights are being eroded little by little. We North Dakotans need affirm these rights, just like the high courts of our country did.

Here are some examples of the court cases I speak of: In *Pierce VS. Society Sisters* (1925) The Supreme Court stated that parents have the Constitutional right to direct the upbringing and education of their children, In *Wisconsin VS. Yoder* (1972) The court declared "The primary role of the parents in the upbringing of their children is now established beyond debate as an enduring American tradition.", In *Troxel v. Granville* (2000), the Court ruled that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the "fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children.", and in my final example I give to you is congressional findings 20 USC 3401.3 parents have the primary responsibility for the education of their children, and States, localities, and private institutions have the primary responsibility for supporting that parental role.

We as parents take on every responsibility for our children, financially, morally, spiritually, etc. We need our rights protected from institutions and activists that have no financial, moral, or spiritual responsibility at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please recommend do pass.

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