

SB 2269

House Education Committee

Rep. Mark Owens, Chairman

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Chair Owens and Members of the Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Romanick and I want you to give SB 2269 a “do pass”. I am 21 years old and I live on the Minot State campus in Lura Manor. I am working on my associates’ degree from Dakota College of Bottineau to be an Early Childhood Paraprofessional. I get support from the Minot State ASTEP program.

Here’s what I’ve learned by going to college. I learned to be more independent and to be more responsible in adulthood. I learned that I am more capable of being myself and also caring for other people. I really like to go to the Beaver Women’s Basketball games, to the Men’s Hockey games, and wrestling. I like taking care of myself and I don’t have to have my mom yell at me anymore.

Part of being involved with ASTEP is to have a job or a work experience. Right now, I will be doing some field work with Magic City Daycare and an internship with Minot State’s Residence Housing Association and Student Government. My resume is very impressive and I have worked since I was 15.

This bill won’t help me anymore because I’m 21 and graduated from Century High School, but it might help some of my friends who also want to go to college.

Thank you for your time and I’d be willing to answer any questions.

Elizabeth Romanick

