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Committees: Agriculture Judiciary Chairman Owens and Members of the House Education Committee,

Good morning, for the record my name is Ruth Buffalo and I represent the people of District 27 in south Fargo.

As the author of the original bill, I am pleased with the progress of SB 2304. As amended, SB 2304 is a step forward. A collaborative effort shined through for this bill because we know this work is for the future generations. It truly takes a village to build a stronger community and the efforts put forth by local, regional, and national advocates has been stellar.

North Dakota has always been a leader in many areas, but now we have an opportunity to continue leading the way with SB 2304.

I am hopeful SB 2304 will build bridges for future generations.

The Department of Public Instruction has provided an outstanding foundation for SB 2304 to be successfully implemented in the classroom.

Please give SB 2304 a do pass recommendation.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Education Committee, this concludes my testimony, I am happy to stand for questions.

Thank you.