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HB 1350 Testimony

Finance and Taxation Committee:

My name is Allen Geltel and I am a high school history teacher at Williston High School. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on House Bill 1350.

I have been a teacher for three years in the district, and overcrowding has been an issue since day one. The classroom that I teach in was not designed to be a classroom, rather, it was designed to be a “breakout room” where students could go and collaborate. Instead, I use it to teach an average of 25 students per hour, with their desks arranged in “pods” to maximize the space.

Williston has had a difficult time recruiting and maintaining teachers, and our buildings certainly contribute to this. No teacher at the high school has their own classroom to spend prep hours in, instead, all of the teachers with prep hours have to go into a small teacher’s lounge where we have small cubicles to attempt to prepare for the next class.

Our students deserve better, and a majority of our taxpayers support the school bonds that are proposed.

Vote yes on HB 1350.

Thanks,

Allen Geltel