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Senator Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Carrie O'Rourke and I represent *yes. every kid*. We work to help ensure every student has access to an individualized education. And today, I am here to provide testimony in support of **HB 1135 – Mastery Score for Scholarship bill.**

We applaud the efforts this body has taken to propel North Dakota forward by empowering school leaders with the flexibility to implement innovative programs and learning models. These new models ensure a personalized approach to learning, which exposes students to a wide variety of experiences and educational methods. This approach, *the North Dakota* approach, is at the heart of an education that could transform a student's life – allowing all students to realize their full potential.

HB 1135 will provide additional opportunities to students that choose a competency-based education to access the North Dakota career and technical education scholarship or the North Dakota academic scholarship, guaranteeing that all students have access to innovative learning models and ensure students the opportunity to discover, develop, and apply their innate gifts to maximize their ability to contribute to society.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. I appreciate the opportunity to address the committee, and most of all, I want to close by again applauding you, this body, in serving as a national leader in the future of education by passing SB 2196 - which will formulate the state's plan for the learning continuum to support competency-based education. You have put the needs of students first and reimagined what is possible. I look forward to working with you on this and future legislation that equips all students of all ages at all stages of life with the resources and guidance they need to forge their own path of discovery and development.

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