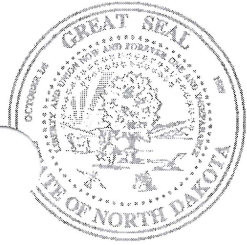


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Chair Donald Schaible and Senate Education Committee,

My name is Ruth Buffalo and I represent District 27 in south Fargo. I am here to offer support for SB 2304. It is important true and accurate history is taught within the K-12 Education Curriculum. Studies have shown sustainable learning outcomes are present when students are provided with educational learning opportunities that expand their knowledge base. Native Americans are the original inhabitants of these very lands, but often are an afterthought within their very homelands. Providing a 4-week instructional unit of Native American History annually will contribute to the visibility of Native Americans. Native Americans are "Not Invisible", but over time, those who not only are in charge of writing history control the narrative of any particular population. But those who teach our children are equally responsible to contributing to a true and accurate narrative of a population outside of their very own.

Please give SB 2304 a Do Pass Recommendation, our future generations will thank you for it.

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Thank you!