

Hello Committee Members, my name is Jocelyn Backman and I am submitting this written testimony IN SUPPORT of HB2327 relating to school district bonded indebtedness grants; relating to school district tax levies, bonding authority, and determination of school state aid payments. relating to the transfer of legacy fund earnings to a property tax relief fund and a property tax credit for property used as a primary residence.

I have been a citizen of ND my whole life and have paid property taxes since I graduated from High School when I moved into my first apartment. In the ND State Constitution, it states that ND is to provide a free education for ND kids, it doesn't state that property taxes should be taken to pay for school. I have 2 kids, 1 that went through public school, and one that will be in private school or home schooled. It makes no sense for ALL citizens of ND to pay for school when it's against the Constitution.

I urge you to DO PASS this through committee.

Thank you for reading my testimony and for your time.