

Good Morning Chair Heinert and
committee members,

My name is Jared Crane and I am a
resident of Bismarck district 47.

My appeal is one for individual liberty.
Having moved to North Dakota a short 2.5
years ago, I have become somewhat
familiar with the political landscape. When
it comes to states honoring the rights of
the individual, I have been very impressed
with how this state operates and protects
my and my families rights.

My only dissapointment, thus far, has been
a denial of my choice to enroll my kids in
the program that has been mentioned
before (Yellowstone school district
distance learning, Tech Trep Academy). I
understand that the discussion seems
more nuanced, maybe even complicated,
than to define it as a simple right to
choose what is best for my family and my
children, but that is the core of the issue. I
believe that the decision of how to educate
children should ultimately fall on the
parents.

I have lived in two other states that offer

fewer liberties to their citizenry, this was especially true of California.

Homeschooling was chosen on my part because we lived in California and the education system there was less than desirable, to put it lightly. We lived in an area that had extremely high rankings and award winning programs, but still I chose homeschooling. We were later introduced to the idea of public charters, and found that they were most helpful as a resource to our family. We have since sought out this type of opportunity where we relocate. Here in North Dakota, my children have been denied the opportunity to do what we found to be a best option and as a result we have found that our liberties have been diminished.

I ask that, as you consider this bill for approval, an appropriate amount of weight be given to individual liberty. Thank you for your time.