

Chairs and Honored Senators of the Committee,

I am very excited to give my testimony in support of Senator Kannianien's bill. As a homeschool alumni – someone who was homeschooled in North Dakota as a young child -- and representing the only organization founded and run by homeschool alumni to advocate for homeschooled children, it is rare to see legislators take an interest in our well-being.

Senate Bill 2167 accomplishes two crucial things for North Dakota's homeschooled children: it asks parents to describe their qualifications for taking on the thorough and comprehensive education of their child, and it also makes the homeschool statute less ambiguous. By changing the language of the law from the vague, undefined notion that homeschooling "benefit" a child, it makes it clear that homeschooling should be accomplishing an *academic* benefit. All children in North Dakota are given the right to an education by state law, and Senate Bill 2167 would help homeschooled children have access to that right.

Thank you very much for your time and attention, I am happy to stand for any questions.

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