

House Human Services Committee,

Please render a do pass recommendation for SB 2260. This bill is needed for the following reasons.

- In September of 2021, The National School Board Association tried to silence concerned parents by weaponizing the Department of Justice and the FBI against them. The association of legitimate parental concern over their children's education with terrorism and violence reveals a widespread contempt for parental authority as well as the extreme lengths those in power will go in order to silence dissent. Internal memos show that the Biden Administration colluded with the NSBA in this effort to weaponize the full force of the FBI and Department of Justice against law-abiding citizens exercising their right to advocate for their children. ND Century code should protect North Dakota parents from this federal overreach.
- National headlines such as the one from The Washington Post ("Parents claim they have the right to shape their kids' school curriculum. They don't.") reveal a pervasive and purposeful undermining of parental rights and responsibilities in the education of their children.
- There is a growing movement to make homeschooling appear dangerous and extreme. Some are even calling for an outright ban. Many believe that the state's influence and values should be equal to or supersede those of parents.
- It is the state's obligation to secure parental rights particularly as the medical establishment continues to become increasingly more ideologically-motivated. WPATH, the world's leading association on transgender health, recently removed minimum age requirements for "gender-affirming care" and suggests that if parents do not affirm their child's newly chosen identity, the state may be enabled to intervene in order to assist with the child's medical and social transition.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter and for your service to the state of ND.

Sincerely,

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