

**January 19, 2023**

**To Chairman Longmuir and Representatives of the House Political Subdivisions Committee:**

My name is Melanie Nichols and I have two children enrolled in the Fargo Public School District. I strongly support the proposed bill HB 1116. I believe Dr. Jake Schmitz said it best with the following statement from his written testimony: "Please vote a DO PASS for HB 1116. In the interest of public transparency, keeping elections pure, and allowing for equal footing for all candidates who run for public office."

School Board elections are LOCAL and I prefer to vote for candidates receiving in-state funding only. The passing of HB 1116 would allow me to review the campaign finance contributions of all school board candidates to aid in making my decision at the ballot box. Bottom line, transparency and equal footing is in the best interest of all voters...and candidates.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Respectfully,



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