



1 SB 2188

2 Testimony in opposition

3 Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary committee, my name is Dr.
4 Aimee Copas, and I am the Executive Director for the North Dakota Council of
5 Educational Leaders representing school leaders across North Dakota.

6 We are here following NDSBA and NDSOS in opposition to SB 2188. Our opposition is
7 not intended to represent an opposition of parents to have all the rights they need to
8 have regarding their children. I am a mother. I desire these rights. As an educator, I'd
9 like to share that I have all these rights in North Dakota directly in part to the wise
10 actions of the ND legislature over many years. Bills very similar to this have been put
11 forth in 26 states and have passed in few states that needed the addition to code such as
12 Georgia, Louisiana, and Florida to name a few. However, in states where they have very
13 open sunshine laws and open doors to public schools similarly to North Dakota the need
14 to amend their state laws has been determined to adequately cover the request from the
15 bill. Those before me provided greater detail so I will not belabor additional points of
16 detail

17 While it is not uncommon for us to see bills introduced based on concern from national
18 narrative, it is important to reflect on what is currently in action in our state before
19 amendments to century code are made. We as for a do not pass on SB 2188.

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for all students in North Dakota.*

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