January 23, 2023

Chairperson Larson and Committee Members,

I strongly urge a Do NOT Pass on SB 2260. Recruiting and retaining qualified, excellent teachers in North Dakota is critical to the success of our communities and our state. Yet we find ourselves in the midst of a critical shortage of teachers. Section 2 heaps additional, unnecessary burdens upon teachers, administrators, and school board members - burdens that could create even more teacher retention issues and which do not benefit the broader community. The best way to build up our education system is through engagement and the building of trusted relationships between parents, teachers, and administrators - not through government regulations.

I urge a Do NOT Pass on SB 2260.

Sincerely, Sylvia Bull 522 N 16th St Bismarck, ND 58501