

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1238, which proposes the creation of lifetime teacher licenses for North Dakota educators after twenty years. This legislation is an important step toward recognizing the invaluable contributions teachers make to our state and its future.

Educators are at the heart of our communities, shaping the minds and lives of the next generation. However, the licensing renewal process can often add unnecessary stress and administrative burden to their already demanding responsibilities. By implementing lifetime teacher licenses, we can reduce this strain, allowing educators to focus on what they do best—teaching and inspiring students. I have dedicated 27 years of my life to teaching.

Additionally, this legislation sends a powerful message: we value and respect the lifelong commitment that teachers make to their profession. It reflects North Dakota's dedication to retaining and supporting quality educators, addressing workforce challenges, and strengthening public education across the state.

I urge you to give a "DO PASS" recommendation to House Bill 1238 and demonstrate your commitment to the educators who make such a difference in the lives of North Dakota's children. Thank you for considering this critical step in supporting our teachers and our schools.

Thank you for your consideration,

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