

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1238, which proposes to reduce the number of years required for teachers to earn a lifetime teaching license from 30 years to 20 years. This bill is a significant step towards recognizing and valuing the dedication and commitment of our educators.

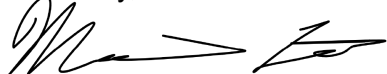
Teachers are the backbone of our education system, and their contributions to shaping future generations cannot be overstated. By allowing educators to achieve a lifetime license after 20 years, we are acknowledging their hard work and the expertise they develop throughout their careers. This change will not only motivate current teachers to remain in the profession but will also attract new talent to North Dakota's schools.

Furthermore, reducing the time frame for a lifetime license can help alleviate the burden of administrative processes that often detract from teachers' primary focus: educating students. It also sends a powerful message that we trust our educators and recognize their long-term commitment to the profession.

I urge you to support House Bill 1238 and to stand behind our teachers, ensuring that they receive the recognition and respect they deserve.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Liebel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matt Liebel