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North Dakota Legislative Assembly

Dear Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I am writing on behalf of Elevated Education, an organization dedicated to transforming the lives of students through innovative and supportive education. As a charter school operator with extensive experience in Arizona, we are thrilled to express our strong support for the proposed bill to establish public charter schools in North Dakota.

At Elevated Education, we serve at-risk high school students, focusing on alternative education and dropout recovery. We have seen firsthand the life-changing impact that innovative, student-centered approaches can have on students who might otherwise be left behind by traditional models. Your proposed legislation aligns closely with our mission of creating effective learning environments that empower students to overcome challenges and achieve lifelong success.

The bill's emphasis on fostering educational innovation, supporting students at risk of academic failure, and promoting accountability through a structured application and renewal process sets a strong foundation for charter school success. By introducing school choice into the North Dakota education system, you will open doors for students in the greatest need of a tailored and effective approach to learning—students whose futures depend on access to meaningful educational opportunities.

We are particularly encouraged by the provisions in the bill that ensure public charter schools maintain high standards, offer innovative programs, and focus on serving students who face academic and personal challenges. This approach mirrors our own vision of providing personalized pathways to success and has proven successful for our schools in Arizona.

We believe this legislation will not only empower parents and students with more educational options but will also inspire a culture of innovation within the state's public education system. Elevated Education would welcome the opportunity to share our experience and expertise to support the successful implementation of this bill.

Thank you for championing the future of education in North Dakota. We urge the Legislature to pass this bill and take a transformative step toward ensuring that every student in the state has access to the quality education they deserve.

Sincerely,

James Meehan Chief Executive Officer Elevated Education