

February 10, 2025

House Education Committee

Bismarck, ND

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to urge a NO vote on HB 1456, First of all, why do certain legislators in our state feel that they do not have to abide by the constitution of the United States regarding separation of church and state. In addition, the cost to cover salaries, training, oversight, and governance of school chaplains would be a significant burden to the budget. And where in the world would ND find 179 chaplains to work in the schools?

I urge you to focus on matters that will benefit students without bringing religion into our schools. There are private church schools for children to attend if the parents feel their students need that type of education.

Sincerely,

Paulette Nelson