

Hello House Education Committee,

My name is Taylor Gall. I live in District 25 and I am a parent who has chosen to enroll my child in St. Anne's Catholic School.

I support HB 1540, but I am in support of all school choice bills that support parent autonomy and the right to provide an education for my child. I support HB 1540 because we are trying to raise a family that follows more closely in line with our values and beliefs as Catholics. We are a family of 5 and are on a strict budget with only one person working because we believe in the value of being able to raise our kids on our own at home. We know that going to a private school isn't necessary and is our choice to attend but we feel so strongly about our kids getting the best education. To us, there is nothing better than our child coming home and talking about God and what they learned from the core values that are taught in school.

Being able to get assistance from the state from our tax dollars would help lessen the financial burden of tuition and all of the other costs that are present when attending private schools.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 1540.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and your time on HB 1540.