

Samantha Harrison

Regarding Senate Bill 2241

March 10th, 2025

Dear Chairman Heinert and Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Samantha Harrison, a constituent of District 34 in Mandan. I am writing to express my concern and to urge a **Do Not Pass** recommendation and a **No** vote on Senate Bill 2241.

I am deeply disappointed that the Senate voted to move this legislation through to the House, and I am hopeful that you will come to a more sensible conclusion on this bill, which would be a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Public schools in North Dakota can already do what charter schools are purported to be able to do. While a public school can't close overnight, leaving students and communities holding the bag, a charter school absolutely can! They have no commitment to actually do what they say they are going to do.

Charter schools are simply not something that there is a need for in our state. Even looking at the testimonies that have been submitted in support of this bill, the majority of them are from out-of-state charter school representatives or special interest groups that do not reflect the values and concerns of North Dakota citizens at large. That doesn't lead me to believe that this is a good investment of our time or my tax dollars.

I am asking that the Committee recommend a **Do Not Pass on SB 2241**.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Samantha K. Harrison
Constituent - District 34