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RE: SB2400

Dear members of the 69th Legislative Assembly of North Dakota,

I am a resident of Fargo, ND. Please, accept the below as my testimony IN OPPOSITION of SB2400, to “create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the education savings account program; and to provide an appropriation”.

I am generally against using tax dollars to fund private schools. I am all for choices, but choices come with consequences and one of those may be that you will have to pay for your choice. I don't see anything wrong with this. But tax dollars are public dollars and should be used for public services. Especially now when we don't know how many federal dollars will still flow into our State. We should keep our money together and use our precious tax dollars for public services. And I consider public education one of the more important of such services. There is no future without educating our young. ALL of them and not just the ones the private schools will deem acceptable.

I highly recommend a DO NOT PASS vote on this bill.

As in all my testimonies, I much appreciate the hard work and dedication that each member of my state legislative assembly puts into our state. Thank you.

Sincerely and respectfully Birgit Pruess,
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