

I am a veteran homeschooling parent in North Dakota and a leader in the homeschooling community. I serve as the editor and office administrator for the North Dakota Homeschool Association, as well as a board member.

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to SB 2400. North Dakota homeschoolers should not be included in this bill. We value the freedom to educate our children as we see fit. We recognize that government funding comes with strings attached, and those who provide the funding will expect accountability for how it is used. This would place parents in a position where they must answer to the government regarding how they teach their children and what curriculum they purchase.

Not only do I oppose this bill as a North Dakota homeschooling parent, but I also oppose it as a product of North Dakota's rural public school system. I understand the devastating impact a bill like this could have on small-town schools. In many rural communities, the local school is the heart of the community.

This bill is a **serious threat** to both North Dakota homeschoolers and residents across the state. I urge you to reject SB 2400.

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