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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill No. 2400 – “Do Pass” Recommendation

House Education Committee

North Dakota Legislative Assembly

Dear Chairman Heinert and Members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill No. 2400, which establishes the Education Savings Account (ESA) program in North Dakota. This bill gives parents the flexibility to choose the best educational path for their children, ensuring they receive an education that meets their individual needs.

The ESA program allows families to use funds for a variety of educational expenses, including tuition, curriculum, and specialized services. By expanding choice, this bill encourages innovation and competition, leading to higher-quality education options. It also promotes fiscal responsibility by ensuring funds are used only for approved educational purposes.

Education is not one-size-fits-all, and this legislation provides families with greater control over their children's learning opportunities. I urge you to support SB 2400 and help North Dakota families access the best education possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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