

My name is Jessica Rogstad and I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 2400.

I am a parent of three girls who attend public school in Fargo. No matter what these types of bills are called—education savings accounts, scholarship programs, etc—if they divert public dollars to private schools, they are vouchers. North Dakotans have consistently opposed voucher programs. Public funds should be for public schools where they can serve all students no matter their abilities, backgrounds, or financial status. As a former teacher at a private school I can attest to the fact that not all students can be served by private schools. Vouchers hurt the most vulnerable students in our communities and also do not benefit our many rural communities who don't have private school options.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony.