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North Dakota Legislative Council

State Capital

600 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear House Education Committee,

I am a mother of 5 school aged children, a taxpayer, citizen, and voter who resides in the Harvey Public School District #38. I am opposed to Senate Bill 2400. As a conservative, I believe in smaller government. This bill would add more legislation and government oversight to private education and home education. The North Dakota Constitution promises residents access to free public schools, which taxpayers are already funding, and it is my opinion that the government's involvement should end there. Concerning private and home education, the parent should be responsible for all aspects of that decision including the financial portion. It is wrong to force my neighbors to pay for how I choose to educate my children. Instead, the focus should not be on creating ESA's, but rather on fixing the public schools we currently have.

Respectfully,

Sarah Haenftling