

Dear Representatives,

My name is Tamara Steckler from Bismarck, ND. I am a homeschool parent to five children. I am asking you respectfully to please vote no on SB2400.

I believe ESA are not in the best interest of private schools or homeschoolers. I have listened to the voting of a few bills this session and I have heard that some legislators are against ESA because there are not enough regulations. This is my primary concern. Part of the reason I homeschool our children is so I can tailor curriculum to each child, not have the government regulate which curriculum I can or cannot use now that I would be receiving money from the government.

We have run into regulations back in 2020 with a well known homeschool curriculum. We were using a Horizon math curriculum for a few years when we noticed a subtle, but very noticeable change; they had taken out anything relating to Christianity, even pictures. When emailing the company, I found out they changed the curriculum so that parents in just three states would be reimbursed by government agencies.

However, if you are still convinced that ESAs will benefit North Dakota children I ask that you will make an amendment separating traditional homeschoolers and homeschoolers who take the ESA funding.

Thank you,
Tamara Steckler
District 7