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Dear House Education Committee members,

I am writing regarding the S.B. 2400 bill and would like to strongly urge you to remove homeschooling families from this bill. As a homeschool parent and local college teacher, I have spent many years in the education sector. Our state currently affords homeschool families many freedoms and I would like to request and urge you to keep it that way and allow "we the people" to make decisions on how to best educate our children without government involvement or overreach. If approved and instituted, this bill will invite greater government regulation in home education, since the government has the power to control how the money is spent. Such regulation will infringe on the rights of homeschooling families participating in the ESA program—as well as homeschooling families who have chosen to opt out.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I greatly appreciate all you do for our state and the ND education community.

Best regards, Irma Flemmer