John M. Pederson 235 2nd Ave NW Mayville, ND 58257 March 18, 2025

Dear Committee Members,

Please oppose SB 2400. It provides up to \$60 million to private schools in the next biennium and violates the spirit of the First Amendment to the Constitution which asserts the separation of church and state.

SB 2400 threatens the integrity of our public education system by using taxpayer dollars for private schools, which are not held to the same transparency, accountability, or accessibility standards as our public schools.

Please vote no on SB 2400 and urge your colleagues to do the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John M. Pederson