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HB 1244

This bill sounds great for the homeschool community and only the homeschool community. I am in opposition to this bill the way it is written. This bill creates winners and losers. I believe the tax credit should be expanded to all North Dakota families. The credit should include any tuition to private schools as well as any educational expenses incurred by any parents regardless of where their children attend school, either at home, public, or private. This would also solve the “school choice” debate as well, in my opinion. The bill should include all, or none. I understand the state of North Dakota funds about 3/4ths of the total cost educating one student at public institutions. I assume this bill was written to give back something to the homeschool community for educating their own children on their own dollar.

Thank you to the sponsors for trying to help the homeschool families. My wife and I are homeschooling parents. This bill sounds great for us. More money in our pocket. Who could say “no” to that, however; this bill is only good for homeschool families and should not pass without amending the text to include all North Dakota families, and to keep from the North Dakota government from creating winners and losers. Homeschooling is a choice.