

1 North Dakota School Study Council Testimony in Support HB 1353 –
2 Limitations on Property Tax Levies

3 Chairman Headland and Members of the Committee,

4 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1353. The
5 schools I represent are in support of this bill. We understand there will be
6 caps on property tax levies. We can support a 3% overall cap with the
7 understanding new growth will be calculated outside the 3% cap. However,
8 we cannot support the Consumer Price Index or the 3% cap whichever is
9 lower. The Consumer Price Index could be zero or even a negative
10 number which would be devastating to school districts.

11 The school funding formula is intertwined with dollars and mills. Driving
12 mills down due to caps could cost the state extra dollars in order to make
13 the funding formula work.

14 Again, we are in support of HB1353 but would like to see some changes.
15 Thank you for your consideration!

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17 Dr. Paul Stremick