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RE: HB1540

Dear members of the 69th Legislative Assembly of North Dakota,

I am a resident of Fargo, ND. Please, accept the below as my testimony IN OPPOSITION of HB1540, to “create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an education savings account program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.”

I am generally against using tax dollars to fund private schools. I am all for choices, but choices come with consequences and one of those may be that you will have to pay for your choice. I don't see anything wrong with this. But tax dollars are public dollars and should be used for public services. Especially now when we don't know how many federal dollars will still flow into our State. We should keep our money together and use our precious tax dollars for public services. And I consider public education one of the more important of such services. There is no future without educating our young.

I highly recommend a DO NOT PASS vote on this bill.

As in all my testimonies, I much appreciate the hard work and dedication that each member of my state legislative assembly puts into our state. Thank you.

Sincerely and respectfully Birgit Pruess,
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