

I strongly oppose HB 1540 because it diverts critical funding away from our public schools, hurting students, teachers, and communities. As a taxpayer, I believe public money should support public education—not private schools that can pick and choose their students. My grandchildren and my students deserve fully funded schools with quality resources, experienced teachers, and strong programs. This bill threatens that by taking funds away from the schools that serve the vast majority of North Dakota's children. As an educator and a grandparent, I cannot support a policy that undermines the foundation of public education and would damage my livelihood, MY students' education, and MY grandchildren's future which will impact North Dakota's future as well.