

March 14, 2025

TO: Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee

FR: Wayne & Valerie Jundt – District #8 Burleigh County

RE: HB 1540

Dear ND Senate Education Committee Member:

It is our understanding that HB 1540 will be heard by your committee during the week of March 17, 2025. This bill would expand ESA's for parent's and guardians who financially sacrifice to enroll their children into a private school environment.

**For numerous reasons, we believe this is a prudent and responsible way to support our North Dakota tax paying citizens and invest in our school aged children.**

It is important to point out that we are NOT opposed in any way to public education. In fact, Wayne served as a Nationally Certified School Counselor in the North Dakota public education system for nearly 30 years. Our public schools and teachers work hard to serve the children of this state; and the members of our legislative body have historically committed **millions of dollars** to the public education system.

North Dakota has the financial resources available to support this legislation and NOW is the time to provide and support those tax paying citizens who for various reasons choose to enroll their child in a private school environment.

We are writing to urge and encourage your support for HB1540 and to vote with a DO PASS recommendation.

Thank you in advance for your service and commitment to support all citizens of our great state!

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