

Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 1540, which represents an important step toward ensuring educational opportunity for all North Dakota students. By establishing an education savings account (ESA) program, this bill provides families with greater flexibility in choosing the best learning environment for their children. As parents of two young children, choosing the best educational environment for our children is one of the most important decisions my wife and I will make, and is something we do not take lightly.

By passing this bill, parents will be provided with the flexibility to choose the best educational path for their children. This is an investment by the State of North Dakota in its students and their educational outcomes, which is, ultimately, in the best interest of the State of North Dakota. Providing financial support to all North Dakota families will allow more students to benefit from the educational environment that best fits their needs.

HB 1540 is a piece of legislation that demonstrates North Dakota's commitment to educational opportunity, parental rights, and student success, and I urge the committee to support this bill. I thank you for your time and commitment to North Dakota's students and families.

Respectfully,

David Neff