## March 17, 2025

## Testimony in Support of House Bill 1540 – "Do Pass" Recommendation

## **Senate Education Committee**

North Dakota Legislative Assembly

Dear Chairman Beard and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I urge you to give House Bill 1540 a "Do Pass" recommendation. This bill expands educational opportunities for North Dakota families by enhancing Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), making it easier for families to afford the best education for their children.

HB 1540 empowers parents by allowing them to direct funds toward tuition, curriculum, and other educational expenses that best fit their children's needs. By supporting this bill, you are promoting school choice, fostering competition, and strengthening education in our state.

Education should be about opportunity, not financial limitations. Please support HB 1540 to give North Dakota families more options for success.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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