

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to pass HB 1540. This bill if put into law will be a blessing to all North Dakota families, not just those who attend private schools. As the parent of two children who do attend private school, I can tell you that this bill would have a more positive impact on our family than any legislation I can remember. Contrary to the claims of opponents of school choice, not all who attend private school are so called rich kids whose families have no trouble affording private tuition while paying property taxes for a public school they do not use. For many families who attend private schools, including my own, paying the monthly tuition is a burden. It is a burden we gladly bear, but one, nonetheless. This bill would provide an opportunity for our family to benefit from the taxes we already pay and help ease that burden substantially. In North Dakota families of all income levels and beliefs should be able to choose the education that they desire for their children whether it be public, private, or homeschooling. Please pass HB 1540 and make this a reality.

Thank you,

Brock Carlson