

**Senate Education Committee
HB 1540 - Testimony in Opposition
March 16, 2025**

Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 1540. As a public educator, I cannot imagine a worse way to support public schools than by allowing publicly-funded benefits for private schools. Public schools struggle more and more every day to afford proper staffing, materials, and space. Diverting public funds away from the students who need them the most is a direct disservice to them, their families, and public school staff.

With all the hardships families are experiencing, the budget cuts schools are facing, and now the threat of diverting tax money away from public schools, we do not need this bill. We need more measures to ensure ALL North Dakota students receive what they need.

There are far more pressing issues affecting the residents of North Dakota. I urge you to vote NO on HB 1540.

Thank you,
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