

March 16, 2025

Chairman Beard and members of the Education Committee:

I am writing on behalf of myself as an individual citizen of North Dakota and as a parent and am asking that you oppose HB1540.

As a former teacher and as someone with dozens of family members and friends who are teachers in North Dakota I urge you to put your efforts toward supporting them rather than supporting bills such as 1540 which send a message to our ND teachers that they are not good enough. This costly bill would take my money as a citizen and sends it to private institutions that I do not support.

Our state is full of spectacular educators who need more money and time and continuing education, please don't take money from them. Our children need these people in their lives, but how many more challenges can these educators take before leaving the field or the state? Please vote Do Not Pass on 1540.

Respectfully submitted,

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