

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

My name is Randi Monley. I live in Minot, ND, and both of my children attend Minot Public Schools. I am urging you to give HB 1540 a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Public schools are already underfunded. Teachers are underpaid. Classroom sizes are too large. The idea of putting money toward private schools that have tuitions that only some people can afford is ridiculous. Public schools are for all children.

My one child is on the autism spectrum. My other child suffers from ADHD. Autism and ADHD are a huge financial burden that no parent signs up for, yet here I am. The public school system in Minot has been phenomenal helping my children to be able to reach their full potential. Children being able to function in school is dependent on these dollars going to public schools. I can't afford tuition for a private school plus all of the doctor bills, and I have a Bachelor degree.

I do not understand why people would want children to fail in public school by decreasing funding, which is already not enough to start with.

I urge you to give a Do Not Pass recommendation to House Bill 1540.

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