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DO NOT PASS SB 2105

Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am writing to you today in the hopes you **oppose SB 2105**. Control needs to remain with each school district in how they collect data from learners, districts know what works best and how to collect information efficiently.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is administered every other year by DHHS and is used to monitor behaviors in school-aged children that can lead to poor health outcomes. This survey is well respected around the state and provides information that school districts, health agencies, and lawmakers can use for program planning, targeted education, and decision-making. This survey is already optional, and students can opt out of questions that they do not want to answer, but it does provide valuable information that can benefit students.

Making data collection harder for districts does not improve outcomes for students. Pretending the truth about our North Dakota students does not help them. Please consider a DO NOT PASS on this bill and show our students you are interested in supporting them well into the future.

Respectfully submitted:

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