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RE: SB 2241

I am writing in support of SB 2241 which would allow for charter schools in North Dakota.

Here in ND, we pride ourselves on being “legendary” yet we are one of only five states that do not allow charter schools. Why? They're not new; charter schools have been an integral part of education in for more than 30years. They're not just for urban populations; states with higher rates of rural population than North Dakota have successful charter schools.

How can ND be legendary when our educational choices are not?

Charter schools provide more personalized education with diversified teaching philosophies and practices that better meet the needs of students. They have a record of producing better educational outcomes for their students. Charter schools create competition, urging public and private schools to do better. They're much “cheaper” than offering ESAs or vouchers to private schools and homeschoolers. And most importantly, they give parents another choice in how their children are educated.

For these reasons, I urge you to allow charter schools in North Dakota. Let's really be legendary.

Sincerely,  
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