

DO NOT PASS SB 2241

Chairman and Committee Members,

My name is Deven Mantz from District 5 in Minot. I am a concerned citizen and father of 4 children who are utilizing our public school system today.

I would like to express my strong opposition to SB 2241. While the intention behind these charter schools may be to enhance educational opportunities, the harsh reality is that this initiative diverts essential public funds away from our traditional public schools, which are already facing significant funding and staffing issues.

Public moneys are intended for public schools, which serve as the backbone to our educational system. Our schools are accountable to the communities they serve, ensuring that every student, has access to a good, quality education. By siphoning off funds to these charter schools, we undermine the very foundation of our public education system, leaving our public schools with fewer resources to support our students and teachers.

The argument that charter schools are a solution to a problem that does not exist is deeply concerning. Our public schools are not failing - rather, they are in need of support and investment now more than ever. Instead of creating a parallel system that undermines our educational system, we should be focusing on strengthening our existing public schools, making sure that they have the necessary resources, support, and funding to thrive.

I urge you to give this a DO NOT PASS on SB 2241. Let's prioritize our public schools and the students they serve, rather than fix a problem where there is none.

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