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RE: SB 2295

I am writing in opposition of SB 2295 state aid payments for public schools, nonpublic schools and students receiving home education.

I could list many reasons why the “money follows the child” is a bad idea regardless of what type of school the parents choose for their children. But, my primary concern is home education and keeping it parent-led and parent-funded, independent of any government or tax payer money in any form whatsoever.

Parents choose home education because they want something different than the government-funded public schools, something that even private schools can't provide. As the president of North Dakota's largest homeschool support group, Tricity Home Educators Association, here in the Bismarck-Mandan-Lincoln area, I know that the vast majority of home educators do not want any sort of government funding, aid, subsidy or contribution. Because we don't want to complicate our homeschools with bureaucracy and paperwork that will distract from our mission. We don't want to be handcuffed to philosophies and resources that limit our children's success. And we know that a quality education at home does not need to be expensive because a quality education is more than just good curriculum.

I fully support limiting the levies school districts can inflict on tax payers, but because this bill lays out a plan for the “money to follow the child” I urge you to not pass this bill.

Sincerely,  
Kristy Rose