

## Testimony against Senate Bill 2295

Dear members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Cam Leedah. I live in rural Leonard. I graduated all of my children from homeschool and now have grandchildren being homeschooled. I urge a Do Not Pass on SB 2295.

Whether it be this bill, or ESAs, or vouchers, any taxpayer dollars spent towards non-public and homeschools create serious issues. Here are a few:

- 1) Bigger government. More money will be spent on administration, bringing a greater burden to taxpayers.
- 2) Accountability will follow the money. Non-public schools and homeschools will eventually be subject to rules and regulations that they currently are not under. They will lose their uniqueness, autonomy, innovation, freedom to choose any curriculum, and other hallmarks that have made them different from public school.
- 3) Costs for tuition, curriculum, and supplies will rise, as they have in states that have had ESAs and vouchers for more than a few years. This is a burden for the non-public schools and homeschools that do not take the taxpayer dollars, and may indeed cause the end to some or many of them.

Non-public schools or homeschools that use public money become **just a different type of public school**. That is not true school choice. In the end, the parent is simply deciding which type of public school they want.

Give this bill a Do Not Pass.