

Vote No: HB 1540, HB 1590, HB 1607, SB 2295, SB 2303, SB 2400

I am sharing my testimony to express my strong opposition to all forms of voucher bills - education savings accounts, scholarships, tax credits. Funneling public money into private schools is not right. Keep public dollars in public schools. Voucher schemes support private schools in large ND communities. Rural Communities would be helping foot the bill for these wealthy private schools when only 32% of ND counties have access to private schools.

North Dakota families already have school choice. Parents can choose which school is best for their kids. They can choose to homeschool, they can choose the closest public school, they can open-enroll their student to a nearby public school, or they can choose a private school. Those are the choices.

I do not want my tax dollars funding private already wealthy schools or homeschools.

Sincerely,

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