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Good morning, Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee. For the record, I am Senator Mike Wobbema from District 24.

SB2392 is intended to remove from taxpayer funding those programs and processes which advocate for discriminatory practices while at the same time hold themselves out as a solution to discriminatory practices. This Bill strives to continue to rebalance the scales. This great country has endured significant struggles to end discriminatory practices in our society. A recent Supreme Court ruling held that Harvard's practice of admission based upon a quota of certain ethnicities was unconstitutional. A discriminatory practice that was based upon a personal attribute that was out of the control of the applicant. Unfortunately, our society has been influenced by some who would advocate for continued discrimination from another angle, under the guise of justice, to create continued practices that are largely out of the control of those on the wrong side of the perceived grievance. We need to continue to strive to end discrimination, in all its forms. At the very least, we must end the use of North Dakota taxpayers' money at all levels to fund these practices.

You are going to hear from those in opposition that this is going to create a lot of work. That it is going to end or impact some programs and processes that are appreciated by some. Ending discrimination on all its forms is hard work. But in the end, we will all be better for it. It has been a long, hard road for this great nation. We need to take our part in North Dakota to be part of the solution, and I think that SB2392 takes us a step closer.

Mr. Chairman, Senate Education Committee, this concludes my testimony, and I will stand for any questions.

Respectfully,

Senator Mike Wobbema