

March 5, 2025

Dear Senator Clemens,

I am a resident of West Fargo in District 16 and a proud supporter who voted for you. As a 24-year veteran teacher in North Dakota, I am writing to express my strong endorsement of House Bill 1238.

While I could elaborate on the many reasons educators across the state likely support this bill, my appeal is rooted in a simple yet compelling truth: veteran teachers deserve this recognition. For over two decades, I have dedicated my career to educating and serving the youth of North Dakota. It has been a labor of love—coaching for 18 years, advising numerous extracurricular activities, including leading over 400 students annually to Washington, D.C. through the Close Up program, and contributing to countless school committees.

This bill represents an opportunity for the state to demonstrate its appreciation for the tireless efforts of teachers like me who have committed their lives to enriching our communities and shaping the next generation. Our salaries alone do not reflect the value of this service, making legislative support such as House Bill 1238 all the more meaningful.

I respectfully urge you to recommend a "DO PASS" on House Bill 1238, affirming your commitment to the educators who play a vital role in the lives of North Dakota's students. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hammami
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