

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2219

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Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am in full support of SB 2219. As a parent who has had the privilege of two children in the Reading Corps program at Sunrise Elementary in Bismarck, I feel this bill would provide the opportunity for other schools and children to benefit from this program.

The Reading Corps program has been a blessing and has helped our children grow immensely in a short amount of time. It's nice to have a dedicated program like this to help children who may not qualify for help at the district level but aren't quite where they are supposed to be.

Our son, who is in kindergarten, started the program at the beginning of the school year to help develop his letter sounds. As of February 1, 2021, he was released from the program and not only knows his letter sounds but is reading simple short stories as well.

Our daughter is in third grade and is in the program working on her reading fluency. Since joining the program, she is more confident and now enjoys reading every day.

Please consider passing this bill to provide funding to support and expand this successful program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.