

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1356
in the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1356 is good legislation and ask for a "Do Pass" on it.

I have two children currently enrolled in Scouts USA, a patriotic body. Both were recruited by other scouts and leaders being present within the school they attended. The cub scout pack in which they joined, received no new members in the past year due to Scouts not being allowed in the school. This trend was similar in other cub scout packs and will eventually destroy a good organization in service to our society. Scouts USA needs HB1356.

I am also a member of Fargo American Legion Post #2, another patriotic body. In the past, the legion has provided children in schools information on Americanism and patriotism. HB1356 will ensure this fine tradition will continue.

HB1356 is well written. It provides patriotic organizations access to schools with the school principal determining the time, location, and method of meeting. I note that based on previous testimony, even the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction is in favor of this legislation.

Please do pass HB1356 for the benefit of our school-age children in North Dakota.

Thank you,

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