

## Testimony on HB 1532

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of **HB 1532**.

This bill would help our family since we have two children in the private school system in Bismarck. Our oldest daughter has anxiety and struggles in larger groups. In order to help her thrive, we chose private schools which allows for smaller classes. She has done so well in this system of learning but financially we have taken a hit. The cost of tuition has limited our ability to save for college, which is concerning for us now that she is a freshman in high school. We have talked about switching to BPS (which we have no issue with what so ever) but our daughter has begged to stay in private school. She loves the school and the environment and we don't want to take that away from her.

I ask that you please offer a DO PASS on HB 1532. It would allow our family to better financially prepare for our children's future.

Respectfully,

Wendy Schmidt