

House Bill 1532

Hearing date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – 2:30 pm

In support

My name is Michaela Woiwode. I am testifying in favor for HB 1532. I was born in Minot, where I attended private schools from kindergarten until 10th grade. In 2015, my parents and I moved to Arizona where I attended public-school 11th and 12th grade. I went to public school in Arizona because there was not an option for private education where we resided. I then went on to a private university for my undergraduate degree and I now work for a private school here in North Dakota.

I believe this bill allows North Dakota parents and families to have more options on where to educate their children. Having no other option on what high school I attended in Arizona made me realize very quickly, the need for private education there. This is something I would never want our families to have to come across. Now that I've attended and worked in the private school system, I can see the impact it has on our communities and I believe we should make that opportunity accessible to those who seek it.

Thank you,

Michaela Woiwode