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House Education Committee
Representative Pat D. Heinert, Chairman

In Favor of HB 1532

Chairman Heinert, and fellow House Committee Members.

My name is **Jeffrey Skaare**, I live in Dickinson, North Dakota and I am in District 39. I was born, raised, and educated in the great state of North Dakota. I was fortunate to graduate from both North Dakota State University, as well as the University of North Dakota. I am an attorney by education, and a certified professional landman by trade. My North Dakota pride runs deep. I am mostly proud to not only raise my family here, but to instill in my children a love of this State. We are leaders in Energy and Agriculture. Our State is faced with numerous challenges including workforce challenges. To continue to develop our communities around this State, we need to support House Bill 1532.

The enactment of House Bill 1532 creates opportunities for North Dakota students, but more importantly allows parents to decide what is best for their children. We are fortunate to have both a strong public and private school system in ND. There is no reason to suggest otherwise. There is good reason to support a parent's decision regarding their child's education. Let's continue to show our support of a North Dakota education in all respects. Let's incentivize families to work and live in our great communities by demonstrating our commitment to the success of every North Dakota student, regardless of whether they attend a public or nonpublic school.

It is for these reasons that I support the enactment of House bill number 1532 and request a recommendation of **DO PASS**. Thank you.