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ND House Education Committee

I am writing to express my support for HB1532. My husband and I are raising our family in Bismarck. We love the opportunity that is offered in our community and the choices that we have for our kids' education. We place a high priority on our kids receiving their education at Shiloh Christian School for so many reasons, but the main reason is having a Christian foundation with advanced academics.

Our family would greatly benefit from HB1532 passing. We have 4 kids that are currently enrolled at Shiloh Christian School, and God willing, we intend on having them all attend through their senior year. We have a way to go with current 7<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. While we most definitely see the value in the education that they are receiving, it does create a financial hardship for us. By receiving partial reimbursement for the education expenses that we accrue, the financial stress would be less of a burden.

We are active members of our community and serve in many areas. While being busy business owners, we make every effort to give back to the community. Some of these efforts include delivering meals to home-bound elderly, coaching and coordinating youth sports, volunteering at church and school, as well as fundraising and contributions for several local organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of HB1532. I know for my family; this would impact us greatly and allow for our continued support and contributions within our community.

Sincerely,

Beth Ivesdal