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Dear Legislative Assembly of North Dakota,

I moved to North Dakota two and a half years ago. I am delighted to be a member of the local community. I have two children, which attend Shiloh Christian School. This academic choice for my children comes at a financial sacrifice, which I am delighted to pay. I currently pay \$659.64 a month for both of my children to receive the level of academic affluence Shiloh provides. However, I pay little compared to those who do not qualify for financial aid/tuition assistance. As stated on Shiloh's website <https://shilohchristian.org/tuition-2/> the tuition for 2023-2024 is the following:

Kindergarten-1 st grade	\$608 per month (\$7,306)
Grades 2 nd -5 th	\$641 per month (\$7,696)
Grades 6 th -8 th	\$687 per month (\$8,247)
Grades 9 th -12 th	\$747 per month (\$8,967)

*This is based on a 12-month payment plan beginning June 1 of 2023. Alternate payment plans are available.

Enrollment Fee per student (non-refundable):

Jan. 5-31; \$125

Feb. 1-28; \$225

After March 1; \$300

New Student; \$175

My plea to this committee is this... Please look at those dollar amounts listed above as a key to freedom for families. Do not let the dollar amount deter you in any way. ND House Bill 1532 should be recognized by this committee to help families like mine find academic freedom in choosing a school. I have found that Shiloh Christian School provides freedom of this nature. One last thought I leave with you as a committee, if in fact parents are homeschooling their children at higher levels now (than previous years), would not North Dakota benefit from getting children back into schools and allowing parents to work more freely? Parents are the first line of defense for their children, so please let the parent choose academic freedom, without the hinderance of a financial burden to families.

Members of the committee, I thank you for your time,

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