

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in favor of House Bill 1532. I am a born and raised North Dakotan, who grew up in a Class B school. I am proud of our state, our city, and our public education system. My family choosing to send our children to a private school has nothing to do with the quality of education provided by our great teachers, administrators, board, and support staff of the public system. Our small town roots have ultimately led us into the private school setting. We value having a connected community and smaller class sizes. Our kids have some learning considerations. We feel we have more control and input in being in a private school setting. We also are at a Christian school where we value the ability to talk about and praise God openly. Ultimately, for me as a citizen, we should have the ability to send our children to school wherever we choose. Private schools lessen the strain on the public school system. Our tax dollars pay for services we are not utilizing. I understand this is our choice, but this bill allows everyone to make the best decision for their family and not penalize them for doing so. Thank you for your consideration and your service.

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