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Committee Members:

I am writing today in support of House Bill 1532. This bill if passed would benefit not only current members of private schools but also allow parents that find it financially difficult to provide an education of their choosing for their child. Data shows that students of private education systems are well prepared for success and have a higher percentage of going on to a 2 and 4 year institution. With the ever changing landscape of educational curriculum in our country, having a known curriculum that parents are comfortable with and is affordable should be an option that is open to everyone. HB 1532 makes this a possibility while not taking away funds from public schools.

The personal experience of having 1 child going through a private faith based elementary school has been fantastic. We currently have 1 child beginning in Pre-K and another in 1st grade. It gives us great comfort knowing that they are being educated in a faith based way and with a curriculum that follows the beliefs of our family. With this said the financial burden of this education is not cheap and we do have to make sacrifices to provide this to our children. HB 1532 allows a choice of an educational curriculum that is not swayed by opinion of society an affordable solution for all parents. Not passing this bill would be a discriminatory move to private school students and their families. Please consider the passage of HB 1532 to allow a choice for North Dakota families.

Thank you for your time,

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