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District #29

Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee,

I write to you today in support of Senate Bill 2328 which will greatly assist the Hope-Page School District and rural North Dakota education. I cannot tell you how important the Hope-Page School District is to our community. Not only to them but to my daughter and me. The one-on-one approach to learning, positive reinforcement and dedication of her teachers is astounding. The opportunities she has been provided in this school personally has been life changing. From not only the staff that takes her best interests to heart, but the community that shows up from miles away and in every direction to show their support, whether it is a sporting event, school concert or club activity. This is reciprocated by the students volunteering their own time for community sponsored events. In these rural school districts education is not the only tools they take away. The sense of community is the base for how well developed many of the kids become as they transition to adulthood.

Thank you for supporting these kids and their dreams as they are the future of North Dakota.

We cannot forget the small communities that help build this country. They are just as important as every other district and deserve every opportunity they can get.

Thank you again for your support.

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