

Bill 1532 should receive a No vote because it goes against the separation of church and state in the First Amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." Allowing state taxpayer money to subsidize religious education runs contrary to the First Amendment.

Furthermore, it undermines the public education provided to the 92% of students in the state that attend public schools. A yes vote is to increase inequality between the haves and the have-nots.

It is also problematic to use taxpayer money to subsidize private schools that are not required to provide the same services to students with disabilities or IEPs. There are policies in place for students with disabilities who attend private schools to receive non-ideological and secular services when approved by DPI through public education districts. Private schools do not have to offer school on snow days. They can kick out students they don't want.

It is an unfettered industry and taxpayers should not subsidize industries that do not have standards and rules to protect and insure student learning.

And finally, I live in Jamestown, ND where the public school district often has to push off maintaining assets and is consistently struggling to meet learning outcomes with a lack of resources.

You need to vote No and support the 92% of students in public schools.