

March 12, 2023

Dear Chairman Elkin, Senator Beard, Senator Altman, Senator Conley, Senator Lemm, and Senator Wobbema:

We are writing in support of HB1532. Please recommend its passage today.

We are the parents of five children ages 1-14 in Minot. Three years ago, we made the decision to send our school-age kids to Our Redeemer's Christian School, and we currently have four students enrolled there. We're grateful Christian education is an option—but it does come with significant costs. Paying tuition (times four!) is a financial burden, and many families in North Dakota are unable to afford private school—but wish they could. HB1532 would help make that choice attainable.

Having a portion of our tax dollars available to follow our kids to school is a freedom North Dakota families deserve. Our children will benefit from more diverse educational choices—and they should be at the center of this discussion. Education is not one size fits all, and allowing choice widens and enriches the educational landscape.

Our kids are thriving in a smaller, Christian school setting. We have dear friends who would like to send their kids to Our Redeemer's, but cost is prohibitive. HB1532 would make it possible. This could be landmark legislation for North Dakota, and a way for our state to definitively say, "We support families and freedom."

Please mark HB1532 as "do pass" today.

Respectfully,
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