

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Shannon Krueger and I am writing in opposition to HB 1532. I am a resident of District 3 and a member of ND United. Thank you to those who took the time to visit with us and engage in conversation during the recent ND United Lobby Day. Your time and willingness to ask and answer questions was greatly appreciated.

As an educator who has taught in public schools, I see every day the financial struggles and hardships schools endure from a lack of funding. Seeing efforts to remove resources from public schools to possibly support private choices is greatly concerning.

As a former special education teacher, I am concerned about the students who might be rejected from private schools who cannot meet their needs. Since private schools are free to deny students for any reason, including cognitive ability, physical disability, as well as behavioral and social limitations.

In my line of work in special education, we proudly educated all students, regardless of their limitations and abilities. If private, nonpublic schools receive state funding, then they should follow the same state and federal requirements as North Dakota's public schools.

Please reject any public funding of private education and its discriminatory policies.

I strongly urge you to vote "no" on HB 1532. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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