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Dear Members of the Committee,

Public dollars belong in public schools. I believe in a parent's right to choose where they send their children to school, but public dollars should not follow those children to help support private schools or home schools. A public school must abide by laws, teach state standards, and follow government oversight. If these public dollars are allowed to support a private or home school, will these laws, standards, and government oversight be attached to those dollars to make sure these non-public schools are following the same requirements as a public school? This bill does not include any details on how the government will check on how public money is being spent at these non-public schools. Do not allow voucher schemes to diminish our great public schools in the state of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Lerud