

Good afternoon,

I hope this email is finding you well, as you are working through your session. As educators, we have been made aware of HB 1532, that is headed to the Senate floor. I am writing to voice my concerns over the loss of public funds for public schools. As public educators, we face a unique set of challenges, rules, and oversight. We are held accountable by the public and our doors are open to all students. Loss of funding for public education that comes with HB 1532 is incredibly unjust.

Within the rural public education setting, we are funded by tax payers who hold their schools near and dear to their hearts. A large number of our North Dakota schools are considered rural, and this would be detrimental to our districts. These tax payers would surely like to see their local students attend local schools. If that choice does not suit the families, then personally funding that alternative education would be understood. Lessening the financial support for districts who take ALL students is not the answer.

Our students are and will remain our top priority. We currently work tirelessly to provide them with the best educational experience possible. The redistribution of public funds will only hurt the public-school students, who are by far the majority of our future citizens. I understand the premise for this bill, but this is absolutely not the way to fund this initiative.

As a representative of not only SW North Dakota administrators but also speaking for parents, taxpayers, former students, and forward thinkers...I beseech you to vote **NO** on this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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