

**Do Pass Testimony  
of Kari Downer, District 1  
on HB1532  
March 13, 2023**

Dear Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1532 is needed legislation to enable children more choice in their education, no matter their income level. I ask for a Do Pass on HB1532.

I believe the North Dakota constitution requires every child's education to be supported. This includes children who are unable to be in the public school system due to religious beliefs.

The opponents to HB1532 say that every student has a choice. However, this currently is not true if the family cannot afford to fund a private education. There is no choice for them. This legislation will provide these students a choice.

Please give HB1532 a Do Pass recommendation.

Respectfully,

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