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**Testimony of
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Senate Education Committee
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Senator Elkin and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill No. 1532. My name is Matt Perdue, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of North Dakota Farmers Union's members. NDFU opposes HB 1532.

NDFU's member-driven Policy & Action states "We are opposed to public funding of private schools." We fully support parents' right to choose the educational experience that best meets their child's needs. However, many of our rural families live far away from the nearest private education option. We do not believe rural taxpayers should have to contribute to private schools they do not have access to.

We respectfully encourage a "Do Not Pass" recommendation on HB 1532. Thank you for your consideration.