

Chairman Heinert and members of the Committee,

I would like to testify in support of HB 1329. This bill is a simple investment in our teachers. Lowering the lifetime teaching licensure requirements from thirty to twenty years would benefit teachers by rewarding them for their commitment to our students and benefit our state by providing additional incentive to attract and retain quality educators. Lowering the required service time does not interfere with professional development, as PD days are required at schools across the state. This is an easy way to show our appreciation to North Dakota teachers.

Thank you,

Hans Anderson