

honorable members of the committee. My name is Sharlet Mohr and I strongly urge a "do pass" recommendation for this bill. This legislation is a vital win for North Dakota families—it puts parents back where they belong: at the heart of their children's education and upbringing.

Let's be clear: parents are the first and best guardians of their kids. But too often, schools and systems push us aside, acting like they know better. This bill fixes that. By adding a new section to chapter 15.1-06, it guarantees parental involvement in education—ensuring we have a real say in what our kids learn, how they're taught, and what values are instilled. And by amending section 14-09-32.1, it reinforces a parent's legal interest in their child's upbringing, making it crystal clear that our rights aren't just suggestions they're non-negotiable.

Why does this matter? Because right now, we've got educators and bureaucrats making decisions behind closed doors, curriculums we don't approve, policies we don't support, and agendas that don't reflect our families' values. This bill says enough is enough. It's not about taking over schools; it's about partnership, real partnership, where parents aren't sidelined but empowered.

This is a straightforward, common-sense measure. It strengthens families, protects kids, and keeps education accountable to the people who matter most: parents. There's no reason to stall or overcomplicate this, it's a bill that works for North Dakota. I respectfully ask you to vote "do pass" and send a message that parental rights aren't up for debate. Let's get this done for our children and our future.

Thank you,  
Sharlet Mohr