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Regarding: ND House Bill No. 1532 (tuition reimbursement for non-public schools)

Dear Legislative Assembly,

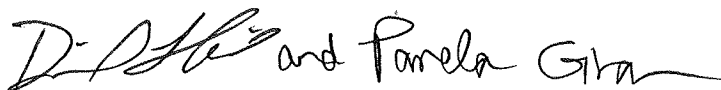
We are writing to express our support of House Bill No. 1532 as parents, taxpayers and voters. This bill would take significant financial burden off of parents that are otherwise forced to send their children to public schools.

As parents, we found ourselves in a situation after we sent our child to kindergarten and first grade in the Bismarck Public Schools. Our daughter was continuously bullied over a two year period in the classroom, on the playground and in the cafeteria with little resolution from our school district. Our child spent six months in therapy as a result of this at Pediatric Therapy Partners, Bismarck. We spoke to a private school and the next school year enrolled her there. It is now three years later and she is thriving in the private school, which is every parents wish for their child no matter where they attend school.

However, private school came with a price tag that our family must continue to sacrifice in order to keep our child enrolled there. Our daughter is allowed one extra curricular activity rather than participating in both music and sporting events due to the cost of her tuition. My husband is a disabled United States Army Veteran and is unable to work a fulltime job. Therefore, we have a difficult decision to make as our four year old son becomes of school age. He may not be able to attend the private school his older sister does due to the cost although our experience in public school was not beneficial. This bill would help give our family and many other families the option to choose which school is best for their child to be educated.

Please vote to approve House Bill 1532 for students and parents to make an informed decision about options to educate without the financial stress that comes with non-public schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David and Pamela Givan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David and Pamela Givan