

January 31, 2023

Dear Chair Heinert and Members of the House Education Committee:

I am writing to urge you to **give HB 1532 a Do Not Pass vote**. Moneys in the General Fund should be used for the General Good of all North Dakotans, not to support the religious education of a portion of North Dakotans.

HB 1532 violates both the Constitution of North Dakota and the intent of the Constitution of the United States by violating the principle of separation of church and state. No person or group or organization who has contributed to public funds (through tax dollars or other means) should be forced to support a religion they do not follow.

**Private funds** should be used to support **private** schools. North Dakota's **public funds** should be going to North Dakota's **public-school** properties, programs, students, teachers, and staff to support the diversity and majority of families who send their children to public schools.

**Please vote do not pass on HB 1532.**

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