

January 31, 2023

RE: Support Letter for HB 1532

Chairman Owens and Members of the House Education Committee

We are writing a letter in favor of HB 1532 as parents of two, soon to be three, students currently attending Bishop Ryan Catholic School in Minot.

We are in favor of this bill that increases the ability for families to afford the choice of non-public schools. Our children receive an excellent education that is paired with teaching on virtues that will help them succeed in their future. They are able to live their faith on a daily basis.

As parents who were both educated within the public school system, we are still supportive of our local school system, even sitting on the committee to evaluate and promote the most recent passing \$11.9 million bond referendum for school renovation and construction. We participated and voted in favor of this, as we believe that every student in our community should have the ability to receive an excellent education in the best facility possible.

HB 1532 will not take away from funding for public schools and will help ease the financial burden to those parents enrolling children in private schools. We currently work multiple jobs and run a business to help support our education expenses, and will continue to do so. However, we would be grateful for the benefits of this program.

Thank you for the ability to provide written testimony,

Wyatt and Ann Olson  
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