

## **Testimony in Support of House Bill 1532**

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Dear Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance would like to testify in support of HB 1532 and requests that you render a "DO PASS" recommendation from your committee on this bill.

Our organization strongly supports educational opportunities. We believe that the best educational system is one that gives children a wide-open future and the tools to explore God's calling on their lives, under the loving and protecting guidance of their parents.

House Bill 1532 would give parents those opportunities. Fundamentally, we want North Dakota to be a state which advances policies that empower parents to have decision-making power when it comes to their children's classrooms. We would also like our state to be able to minimize existing economic and legal obstacles that create an imbalance for tax-paying North Dakota parents who desire an educational program and environment that specifically aligns with their religious, moral, and philosophical beliefs.

It comes down to this: A *future* full of choices for children, needs a *present* full of options. Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of HB 1532 and please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding this testimony. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Jorritsma Executive Director