

Testimony on House Bill No. 1532

February 1, 2023

Good Afternoon Chairman Heinart and Committee Members,

My name is Dan Beauchamp and I am here to support House Bill 1532 that would provide tuition reimbursement options for families that choose to send students to non-public schools.

My wife and I have four children. Three are currently in college and one is currently a sophomore in high school. We made the decision to send our children to non-public school K-12 education. They started in Grand Forks and we now reside in Fargo. We have been very involved in our childrens education and their development of mind, body, and spirit.

They all have recieved a great education that set them up to succeed in post secondary education and eventually becoming taxpaying adults themselves. These schools operate at fraction of the cost of public education and often outperform on many metrics. We have been taxpayers throughout and pay taxes that fund education in public schools while also sacraficing to send our children to non-public school. This bill would help families that choose to send their children to a qualifying non-public school for their education. That choice would still come with sacrifice but allow them an education option that may be the very best for them. I would recommend support at the 30% of the per student payment rate.

I strongly support the committee to give a pass to HB 1532. If any member of the committee wishes to reach me for additional comments or questions, I would be happy to respond. I respectfully submit this testimony and thank the Committee for its attention.