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To Whom It May Concern:

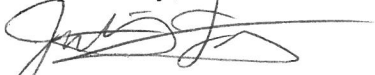
I am submitting written testimony to oppose HB 1532. Currently, I serve as the superintendent at Lisbon Public School District. Our school district would be negatively impacted by HB 1532. The funding provided to private schools in HB 1532 could be used in our school district to create another remedial support position. The bill as written would negate about 1% from our North Dakota State Foundation Aid payment. HB 1532 provides no direct benefit to the children who attend Lisbon Public School District. We are an hour away from the nearest private school. Attending a private school is not an option for our kids.

HB 1532 is bad for our state:

- Some private schools would receive more funding than 68 of our public schools.
- Private schools choose who can attend their institution.
- Private schools would have little accountability for these additional dollars.
- Rural families will see no benefit from HB 1532.
- We are taking money from over 100,000 public school students.
- Private schools lack the facilities to support an influx of students.
- Property tax owners in rural districts will see no benefit from this bill.

This bill is only the beginning of stripping funding away from public schools. Please vote no on HB 1532.

Respectfully,



Justin Fryer

Superintendent Lisbon Public School District