## Dear Committee,

I am writing this letter in opposition to HB 1532. As a public-school teacher, I have concerns about the bill.

- I am concerned that state education money will further be spread out putting stress on public schools, school boards, and superintendents that are already struggling to fill teaching openings.
- This bill would not benefit rural schools in North Dakota that do not have a private school in their district. The school districts would be hurt by this bill.
- Schools are already having a hard time filling teacher openings. I do not understand how taking more state funding away from schools would help.

I hope you consider these points in opposition to HB 1532. I am concerned that taking money away from public schools to give to private schools in the state would make it even more difficult for public schools.

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