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Mission Statement: "To ensure that each child achieves his/her full potential through student-centered practices."

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ND Legislative Members

RE: HB 1532

I'm sending this letter to urge you to vote 'No' on HB1532. As the business manager in a public-school district, I am required to follow many procedures to ensure transparency to taxpayers regarding the use of public funds by law. The awarding of public funds to private schools without the same accountability is problematic. If all schools are the "same", expectations of the business office must also be equal.

The bill as it stands does not hold private schools to the same standard as public schools. If private schools wish to receive public tax dollars, reporting and auditing procedures must be the same as well.

Please vote NO on HB 1532.

Sincerely,



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