

2023 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HB 1343

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Finance and Taxation Committee
Room JW327E, State Capitol

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1/23/2023

A bill relating to limiting tax credits for charitable gifts.

Chairman Headland opened the hearing at 11:01AM.

Members present: Chairman Headland, Vice Chairman Hagert, Representative Anderson, Representative Bosch, Representative Dockter, Representative Fisher, Representative Grueneich, Representative Hatlestad, Representative Motschenbacher, Representative Olson, Representative Steiner, Representative Toman, and Representative Ista. Members absent: Representative Finley-DeVille.

Discussion Topics:

- Post-secondary tax credits
- Scholarship donations

Representative Koppelman verbally introduced the bill in support.

Jennifer Grove, Founder of Evan Grove Scholarship Fund, testimony in opposition #15194 and 15195.

Additional written testimony:

Joshua Entzel, Scholarship recipient of the Evan Grove Scholarship, testimony in opposition #15324.

Christina Tosseth, testimony in opposition #15298.

Blaine Zainhofsky, testimony in opposition #15284.

Aurora Zainhofsky, testimony in opposition #15223.

Dr. Polly Peterson, President of University of Jamestown, testimony in opposition #15132.

Karl Lembke, testimony in opposition #15101.

James Berg, testimony in opposition #15067.

Chairman Headland closed the hearing at 11:25AM.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

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Members present: Chairman Headland, Vice Chairman Hagert, Representative Anderson, Representative Bosch, Representative Dockter, Representative Fisher, Representative Grueneich, Representative Hatlestad, Representative Motschenbacher, Representative Olson, Representative Steiner, Representative Toman, and Representative Ista. Members absent: Representative Finley-DeVille.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee vote

Representative Bosch moved a **Do Not Pass**.

Representative Olson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Jared Hagert	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	AB
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	AB
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	Y
Representative Zachary Ista	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Jeremy Olson	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y

Motion carried 12-0-2

Representative Motschenbacher is the bill carrier.

Chairman Headland adjourned at 2:34PM.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1343: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Headland, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1343 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

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House Bill 1343

Finance and Taxation Committee

January 23, 2023

Benjamin Berg Memorial Scholarship Fund

Chairman Headland and members of the Finance and Taxation Committee, my name is James Berg. I am in opposition to House Bill 1343, which limits tax credits for charitable gifts to scholarships.

My son, Benjamin, passed away on October 4, 2016 while duck hunting. Benjamin graduated from Century High School and at the time of his passing he was attending Bismarck State College and a member of their baseball team. Our family has established scholarships in Benjamin's memory at the North Dakota Community Foundation, at Sanford Health, and at Bismarck Statue College. If this bill is passed, I understand donations to scholarships such as ours would not be eligible for the North Dakota tax credit. This would severely limit the monies available for charitable donations and would also clearly limit the scholarship funds available for our youth.

In addition, it will make it harder for those establishing a scholarship to remember a loved one, because there are minimums to create endowments and the North Dakota tax credit allows families to more easily meet those minimums.

While memorial scholarships do not bring the loved one back, I can tell you it allows family and friends to continue to do things in the person's name to keep their memory alive. I would ask that you recommend a do not pass on House Bill 1343 and allow North Dakota residents to continue to remember their loved ones with the support of the North Dakota tax credit.

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Chairman Headland and members of the Finance and Taxation Committee, my name is Karl Lembke. I am in opposition to House Bill 1343, which limits tax credits for charitable gifts to scholarships.

My wife and I have contributed funds that families have established in the memory of individuals and family members that have passed away.

If this bill is passed, I understand donations to scholarships such as ours would not be eligible for the North Dakota tax credit. This would severely limit the monies available for charitable donations and would also clearly limit the scholarship funds available for our youth.

In addition, it could make it harder for those establishing a scholarship to remember a loved one, because there are minimums to create endowments and the North Dakota tax credit allows families to more easily meet those minimums.

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North Dakota House Finance & Taxation Committee
Chairman Craig Headland
January 23, 2023

Re: House Bill 1343

Chairman Headland and members of the House Finance & Taxation Committee,

My name is Dr. Polly Peterson, President of the University of Jamestown. I am writing in opposition to HB 1343, “limiting tax credits for charitable gifts,” as they relate to scholarship donations.

The intent of this is to prevent donors from taking a tax credit for setting up a scholarship that supports a designated individual. Currently, the IRS already has strict rules to ward against this.

Philanthropic donors often desire to direct their funds to a certain field of study, to students from their hometown or state, or for those achieving excellence in athletics or music and the arts, to name a few. Donors, however, cannot name the recipient.

Potential consequences of this bill may result in eliminating endowments and scholarships set up to support rural students, students with criteria-driven GPAs, students with need, first-generation students, and Native American students—all of which are intended to support groups of individuals and not a singular individual.

For these reasons, we believe this legislation is unnecessary and would hamstring the philanthropy of higher education donors across the state, further impacting students. We urge a Do Not Pass recommendation on HB 1343.

Thank you for your time.

Dr. Polly Peterson
President University of Jamestown



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Contact: Kevin Dvorak, President & CEO, NDCF
701-222-8349, info@ndcf.net

North Dakota Community Foundation Awards \$705,000 in Scholarships

Bismarck, North Dakota . . . The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) will award over \$705,000 in over 400 scholarships to North Dakota students in 2022. The organization currently manages over 184 scholarship funds supported by North Dakotans, former residents and those interested in helping North Dakota students succeed.

“We are honored to help these students further their education,” said Kevin Dvorak, President and CEO of NDCF. “And we are grateful to generous North Dakotans whose gifts made these scholarships possible.”

The following list is organized alphabetically by hometown and provides the name of each scholarship recipient, their hometown, the school they will be attending (if known), and the scholarship fund or funds at NDCF from which the money was granted. In most cases, a local advisory committee recommends the grant recipient.

Congratulations to the NDCF Class of 2022!

STUDENT NAME	CITY	COLLEGE	SCHOLARSHIP FUND(S)
Alex Sims	Alexander	Williston State College	Rupert Rehberg
Arena Oian	Alexander	Williston State College	Rupert Rehberg
Bradyn Modine	Alexander	Williston State College	Rupert Rehberg
Carlton Turnquist	Alexander	Williston State College	Rupert Rehberg
Corynna Turnquist	Alexander	University of Mary	Rupert Rehberg
Jena Messer	Alexander	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Lane Rider	Alexander	Bismarck State College	Ray & Lillian Gulbranson, Rupert Rehberg
Renee Cross	Alexander	North Dakota State University	Ray & Lillian Gulbranson, J. Garvin Jacobson, Rupert Rehberg
Tayla Ybarra	Alexander	Bismarck State College	Ray & Lillian Gulbranson, Reupert Rehberg
Naomi Anderson	Alice	Valley City State University	Frank Blasl
Taylor Mack	Anamoose	Lake Region State University	Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources
Garrett Haakenson	Aneta	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union Co-op House
Elizabeth Nice	Ardoch	Undecided	Fred & Henrietta Kerian Memorial
Avery Arnegard	Arnegard	Black Hills State University	Rupert Rehberg
Hannah Casey	Arnegard	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Kenna Christensen	Arnegard	Williston State College	Rupert Rehberg
Riley Faller	Arnegard	Dickinson State University	Rupert Rehberg
Blaine Schnabel	Ashley	Colorado State University	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine
Katrina Just	Berlin	Bismarck State College	ND Farmers Union, ND Farmers Union-Alan Bergman
Olivia Lebrun	Berthold	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union Co-op House
Abigail Meier	Bismarck	University of North Dakota	Bismarck Rotary Club, Bismarck Schools (Century), Jeff Burgess Memorial

Anthony Morrell	Bismarck	Creighton University School of Dentistry	Kenneth & Leila Morris Dental
Caleb Herr	Bismarck	North Dakota State University	Paulie Paul Memorial
Hunter Acker	Bismarck	Bismarck State College	Edgar Bollinger Memorial
Hunter Neether	Bismarck	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Iris Townsend	Bismarck	Bismarck State College	Jim & Barbara Blaine
Isaiah Pajimula	Bismarck	Valley City State University	Benjamin Berg Memorial
Jacob Kanehailua	Bismarck	Bismarck State College	Bismarck Rotary Club
Kaden Strom	Bismarck	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Katie Vasquez	Bismarck	North Dakota State University	ND Military
Kennady Walth	Bismarck	North Dakota State University	Bismarck Rotary Club
Madison Baumgartner	Bismarck	University of Minnesota College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Madison Heidt	Bismarck	Undecided	Lisa Kraft Memorial
Nicholas Windsor	Bismarck	University of Mary	Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources
Olivia Data	Bismarck	Harvard College	Bismarck Rotary Club
Rachel Bleth	Bismarck	University of Mary	Bismarck Rotary Club
Rebecca Riepl	Bismarck	University of Mary	Bismarck Rotary Club, Alton Carl Wolfer Memorial
Taylor Kautzman	Bismarck	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	Bismarck Schools (Bismarck High)
Zachary Erickson	Bismarck	North Dakota State University	Benjamin Berg Memorial
Jaxon Fike	Bowdon	North Dakota State University	Eleanor Wiebe Scholarship
Addison Neumiller	Bowdon	University of Mary	Lars & Hilda Svendsgaard
Joshua Crowder	Bowdon	University of North Dakota	Lars & Hilda Svendsgaard
Madison Jones	Bowdon	University of North Dakota	Eleanor Wiebe Scholarship
Nicole Neumiller	Bowdon	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union, Lars & Hilda Svendsgaard
Regan Jones	Bowdon	North Dakota State University	Lars & Hilda Svendsgaard
Tyjah Hornbacher	Bowdon	Dakota College at Bottineau	Lars & Hilda Svendsgaard
Aidan Ruddy	Breckenridge, MN	Concordia College	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Ana Erickson	Breckenridge, MN	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Brooklyn Baumhardt	Breckenridge, MN	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Camryn Kaehler	Breckenridge, MN	North Dakota State College of Science	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Carcie Maten	Breckenridge, MN	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Claire Aigner	Breckenridge, MN	Gonzaga University	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Collin Roberts	Breckenridge, MN	University of North Dakota	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Madison Rabbithead	Breckenridge, MN	North Dakota State University	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Rachel Gowin	Breckenridge, MN	University of Mary	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Riley Finkral	Breckenridge, MN	North Dakota State College of Science	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Victoria Udem	Breckenridge, MN	North Dakota State College of Science	Burton Lewis Gewalt Meritorious
Karson Matejcek	Brocket	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union Co-op House
Karthika Mohan	Brookings	South Dakota State University	Curtis Stern Memorial
Rose Yang	Brooklyn Park	North Dakota State University	Holli Kautzman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Peyton Halvorson	Cando	University of Nebraska College of Dentistry	Kenneth & Leila Morris Dental
Jaycie Rau	Cartwright	Black Hills State University	Rupert Rehberg
Riley Bushnell	Cartwright	Black Hills State University	Rupert Rehberg
Scout Hofer	Cartwright	Miami University - Hamilton	Rupert Rehberg
Allisyn Tollefson	Cavalier	Mayville State University	Melissa Chadwick Memorial
Lily Crosby	Cavalier	Trinity International University	Margaret Geiger Green Memorial, Alice Olson Byron Memorial
Mikayla Lacher	Christine	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Emily Merriman	Courtenay	North Dakota State College of Science	Kenneth & Arline Lueck Scholarship
Gwyneth Wieler	Crystal	Lake Region State College	Jay Fagerholt Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Knudson	Dahlen	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, Bert Rotnem
Abby Scheeler	Dickinson	University of Mary	Dr. Henry Springer
Abigail Goettle	Dickinson	Minot State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Aiden Haich	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Alexander Reisenauer	Dickinson	University of North Dakota	Dr. Henry Springer
Alexandra Kostelecky	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Alyssa Halder	Dickinson	University of South Dakota	Dr. Henry Springer
Annabella Semerad	Dickinson	University of North Dakota	Dr. Henry Springer
Anthony Hellman	Dickinson	Williston State College	Dr. Henry Springer
Austin Barnhart	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Blaze Heupel	Dickinson	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	Dr. Henry Springer
Bree Molbert	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Britton Cranston	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Brooklyn Berger	Dickinson	University of Mary	Dr. Henry Springer
Bryonna Schumacher	Dickinson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Dr. Henry Springer
Carter Ehlis	Dickinson	Black Hills State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Claire Kreidt	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
David Rodriguez	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Dawson Wilson	Dickinson	University of Mary	Dr. Henry Springer
Devin Messer	Dickinson	Black Hills State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Dominic Tibor	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Drew Kovash	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Elijah Pavlicek	Dickinson	Bismarck State College	Dr. Henry Springer
Evan Lubken	Dickinson	Minnesota State Community & Technical College Moorhead	Dr. Henry Springer
Faith Schweitzer	Dickinson	Bismarck State College	Dr. Henry Springer
Grace Dahl	Dickinson	University of Mary	Dr. Henry Springer
Grace Madler	Dickinson	North Dakota State College of Science	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Grant Bittner	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Hannah Ficek	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Hope Fath	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Jacob Kirsch	Dickinson	Minot State University	Dr. Henry Springer

Jada Erie	Dickinson	University of North Dakota	Dr. Henry Springer
Jasmine Ridl	Dickinson	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Jefferson Adu	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Jenna Johnson	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Jersey Binstock	Dickinson	North Dakota State College of Science	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Jessica Thomas	Dickinson	Mayville State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Kathryn Amann	Dickinson	South Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Kayleigh Malchose	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Lukas Mavity	Dickinson	Black Hills State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Magdalena Hanson	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Makenna Eckelberg	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Mason Beck	Dickinson	St. Cloud State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Matthew Schagunn	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Meghan Roller	Dickinson	North Dakota State College of Science	Dr. Henry Springer
Nathan Zent	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Gerald & Edith Wallace Scholarship Fund
Peres Akenteng	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Reilly Meyer	Dickinson	University of Mary	Dr. Henry Springer
Savanna Baranko	Dickinson	Bismarck State College	Dr. Henry Springer
Taik Larsen	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Taya Hopfauf	Dickinson	University of North Dakota	Dr. Henry Springer
Trenten Bertelsen	Dickinson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Dr. Henry Springer
Trever Jassek	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Troy Berg	Dickinson	University of Jamestown	Dr. Henry Springer
Tyler Brusseau	Dickinson	University of Mary	Dr. Henry Springer
Tysen Praus	Dickinson	Dickinson State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Veronica Pavek	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Victoria Keller	Dickinson	University of Mary	Dr. Henry Springer
Yakira Johnson	Dickinson	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Owen Duttenhefner	Dodge	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union Co-op House
Mason Lemer	Drake	Minot State University	Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources
Karissa Limesand	Driscoll	Iowa State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine
Keyahna Musland	Edgeley	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union
Carli Merkel	Ellendale	North Dakota State University	Leo Billey, Ellendale Farmers Union, Tiny & Joyce Gebhardt
Katti Nesdahl	Emerado	Northland Community & Technical College	Paul Daniel Hougen Memorial Athletic Scholarship
Kasey Utka	Enderlin	North Dakota State University	Sheldon Mizpah
BayLee Schlothauer	Fairview	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Benjamin Hardy	Fairview	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Jade Schlothauer	Fairview	College of Southern Idaho	Rupert Rehberg
Patrick Hardy	Fairview	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Paul Hardy	Fairview	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Scout Hopes	Fairview	Dickinson State University	Rupert Rehberg

Bethany Anderson	Fargo	North Dakota State University	Eleanor Wiebe Scholarship
Emily Dorsey	Fargo	Iowa State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine
Makenna Hesch	Fargo	North Dakota State University	Holli Kautzman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Natalie Anderson	Fargo	Cornell University	ND Farmers Union
Reanne Erickson	Fargo	Washington State University	Tom & Ruth Bettenhausen Scholarship, Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine
Zoe Bundy	Fargo	Undecided	ND Aviation Association Scholarships
Jace Friesz	Flasher	Dickinson State University	Carlyle & Eva Albrecht
Layne Gemmill	Fordville	Lake Region State College	Bert Rotnem
Madilyn Gerszewski	Fordville	Valley City State University	Bert Rotnem
Samuel Hagen	Fordville	University of North Dakota	Bert Rotnem
Taylor Dalbey	Fordville	Midwestern University	Bert Rotnem
Vanessa Cooper	Fordville	University of North Dakota	Bert Rotnem
Bryley Haberman	Fullerton	North Dakota State College of Science	BankNorth Scholarship
Abbigail Zeiszler	Garrison	Minot State University	Fred & Ida Osmon
Kali Kubas	Gladstone	North Dakota State University	Dr. Henry Springer
Alyssa Duppong	Glen Ullin	Dickinson State University	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Gunnar Remboldt	Glen Ullin	North Dakota State College of Science	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Kara Schantz	Glen Ullin	Valley City State University	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Karter Kuhn	Glen Ullin	Dickinson State University	Ishmael & Rose Diede, Robert E. Chase
Kathryn Dziuk	Glen Ullin	North Dakota State University	Ishmael & Rose Diede
McKenzie Gerving	Glen Ullin	Bismarck State College	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Tyus Thomas	Glen Ullin	Dickinson State University	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Logan Topp	Grace City	University of Jamestown	Conrad & Arthur Nisstad Memorial
Ella Thompson	Grafton	Valley City State University	Kiwanis-Meier
Esgar Rios	Grafton	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Hankey Family Charitable Fund
Jaxon Bjornson	Grafton	University of Minnesota Crookston	Hankey Family Charitable Fund
Kydyn Pastorek	Grafton	University of North Dakota	LaPlante Family
Molly West	Grafton	North Dakota State University	George H. Bliven
Haleigh Hanhart	Grand Forks	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Lawson Frey	Grand Forks	University of North Dakota	Ronald D. Liudahl Scholarship
Sylvia Rodrigues-Mullins	Grand Forks	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Codi Schaper	Grassy Butte	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Kaylee Dewhirst	Grassy Butte	Dickinson State University	Rupert Rehberg, Watford City High School Alumni Foundation, Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Alannah Beck	Gwinner	North Dakota State College of Science	North Sargent High School Class of '63
Annamaria Dudas	Gwinner	North Dakota State College of Science	North Sargent High School Class of '63
Howard Neustel	Gwinner	Valley City State University	Les Melroe Gwinner Scholarship Fund
Rachel Voigt	Halliday	Iowa State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine
Brian Friedt	Harvey	North Dakota State University	Eleanor Wiebe Scholarship

Ethan Arnold	Harvey	Bismarck State College	Eleanor Wiebe Scholarship
Ethan Nitz	Harvey	Lake Region State College	Eleanor Wiebe Scholarship
Makenna Vollmer	Harvey	North Dakota State University	Eleanor Wiebe Scholarship
Jaiden Krizan	Hebron	Bismarck State College	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Landree Glass	Hebron	Dickinson State University	Robert E. Chase, Ishmael & Rose Diede
Anna Elsen	Hecla	Lake Area Technical College	Leo Billey, Ellendale Area, Helen & Ed Leiby
Talyssa Kvanvig	Hettinger	Iowa State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Jace Leshuk	Hillsboro	University of North Dakota	ND Aviation Association Scholarship
Kristen Larson	Hoople	Iowa State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Madison Grieve	Jamestown	Undecided	ND Farmers Union-Alan Bergman
Rayna Blegen	Keene	Bismarck State College	Rupert Rehberg
Arand Bartlett	Kenmare	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union Co-op House
Kylee Nelson	Kenmare	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Emma Kollman	Kensal	Bismarck State College	Conrad & Arthur Nisstad Memorial
Alec Wolf	Knox	Minot State University	Rugby High School Alumni
Madison Giesler	Kulm	North Dakota State University	Sue Podenski
Kolton Moen	Larimore	Grand Canyon University	EllaRae Kelly Memorial, Dawn Marie Stoik Memorial
Willo Morten	Larimore	North Dakota State University	Lloyd Engh-North Star Masonic Lodge
Emily Nelson	Lisbon	North Dakota State University	Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources
Hailey Maddock	Maddock	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union Co-op House
Andrea Borchers	Mandan	Dakota Wesleyan University	Travis Hohbein Memorial
Will Ellison	Mapleton	North Dakota State University	Emil Nickl
Ben Scheresky	Max	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union
Kaleb Short	McHenry	Bismarck State College	Conrad & Arthur Nisstad Memorial
Jennifer Campbell	McIntosh	Western College of Veterinary Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical, Tom & Ruth Bettenhausen Scholarship
Paige Schmidt	Medina	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine
Hannah Nenow	Michigan	Valley City State University	Michigan
Christian Rixinger	Minot	Minot Aero Center	ND Aviation Association Scholarship
Hannah Schaefer	Minot	North Dakota State University	Stanley & Julie Buxa Nursing
Mason Kraft	Minot	North Dakota State College of Science	ND Farmers Union
Cassandra Severson	Minto	North Dakota State University	Bob Campbell
Deidra Flanders	Minto	Lake Region State College	American Legion Riders ND District #2 Scholarship
Scott Wagner	Monango	Dakota State University	Leo Billey, Jean E. Crabtree Memorial, Ellendale Area, Tiny & Joyce Gebhardt, Kyla Morehead Memorial
Lane Froehlich	Montpelier	North Dakota State University	Kenneth & Arline Lueck Scholarship
Hailee Olson	Mott	Bismarck State College	Michael D. Wehri Memorial
Levi Wegh	Mott	Bismarck State College	Michael D. Wehri Memorial
MaryJane Mayer	Mott	University of Mary	Ishmael & Rose Diede, Richard & Christina Fiedler Memorial
Kaylee Schell	Mylo	Dakota College at Bottineau	Norman & Bill Erickson "Uffda"

Emma Bock	New England	Bismarck State College	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Grace Dinius	New England	North Dakota State College of Science	Ishmael & Rose Diede, Alfred Klewin, Reuben T. Guenther
Teegan Nelson	New England	Dickinson State University	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Joshua Olin	New Salem	North Dakota State College of Science	Robert E. Chase
Kenedi Peltz	New Salem	Grand Canyon University	Ishmael & Rose Diede
Raegen Miller	New Salem	Bismarck State College	Jeff Burgess Memorial
Abigail Cox	Oakes	Mayville State University	Leo Billey, Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship
Adrianna Wisner	Oakes	North Dakota State College of Science - Fargo	Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship
Alex Roney	Oakes	Lake Area Technical College	Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship
Andrew Visto	Oakes	University of North Dakota	Rick & Nancy Warner Bigler, Garry Opp Memorial Scholarship Fund, Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship, Alton Carl Wolfer Memorial
Barret Gelinske	Oakes	North Dakota State College of Science	BankNorth Scholarship, Leo Billey
Cody Meehl	Oakes	North Dakota State College of Science	Brian Meehl Memorial
David Schmitz	Oakes	North Dakota State University	BankNorth Scholarship, Max Zelenak Scholarship Fund
Grace Wood	Oakes	University of North Dakota	BankNorth Scholarship, Gerald Ringdahl Memorial Scholarship, Ray & Hazel Wuolu Memorial, Max Zelenak Scholarship Fund
Isabelle Haring	Oakes	Valley City State University	Leo Billey, Mary Goldader (Johnson) Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jada Miles	Oakes	Lake Area Technical College	Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship
Mackenzie Reiser	Oakes	Northern State University	Leo Billey, Sheila Morse Coleman Memorial, Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship
Madison Reiser	Oakes	Minnesota State University - Moorhead	Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship
Marc Seyer	Oakes	North Dakota State College of Science - Wahpeton	Bernie Vculek Cheerleading Scholarship
Samantha Hermes	Oakes	University of North Dakota	BankNorth Scholarship, Leo Billey
John Beneda	Park River	North Dakota State University	John & Anna Mae Hankey Charitable Fund
Karson Blake	Park River	North Dakota State College of Science	John & Anna Mae Hankey Charitable Fund
Maci McMillan	Park River	North Dakota State University	John & Anna Mae Hankey Charitable Fund, Park River Scholarship Fund
Matilda Salinas	Park River	Mayville State University	Hankey Family Charitable Fund
Kelby Gjovik	Pekin	Valley City State University	Conrad & Arthur Nisstad Memorial
Jonah Zikmund	Pisek	North Dakota State University	John & Anna Mae Hankey Charitable Fund, Dean & Eleanor Miller
Andrew Fugleberg	Portland	University of Colorado	ND Veterinary Medical
Brooklynn Ray	Ray	Oklahoma Wesleyan University	Ray Scholarship
Thomas Wehri	Reiles Acres	University of Minnesota College of Vet Medicine	Tom & Ruth Bettenhausen Scholarship, Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine
Abby Lacher	Richardton	Bismarck State College	Raider
Sierra Heinz	Rolette	University of Minnesota Crookston	ND Farmers Union-Alan Bergman
Anne Brien	Rolla	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine

Amber Selensky	Rugby	North Dakota State University	Rugby High School Alumni
Amy Volk	Rugby	University of Minnesota Rochester	Rugby High School Alumni
Anna Johnson	Rugby	University of Minnesota Duluth	Rugby High School Alumni
Annika Johnson	Rugby	Concordia College	Rugby High School Alumni
Rylie Suchor	Rugby	Lake Region State College	Rugby High School Alumni
Morgan Gentzkow	Sanborn	Oregon State CCVM	Tom & Ruth Bettenhausen Scholarship, Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Cassidy Strommen	Solen	South Dakota State University	Robert E. Chase
Dawson Black	Solen	Kansas State University	ND Veterinary Medical
Mara Bjornson	Spiritwood	Florida Gulf Coast University	ND Farmers Union
Morgan Dutton	Steele	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Sophia Oster	Steele	Central Michigan University	Helen & Everett Barta Memorial
Alexis Bopp	Stirum	North Dakota State University	Oakes VFW
Jacob Rexin	Sykeston	North Dakota State University	ND Farmers Union
Jessica Dockter	Tappen	Dickinson State University	Helen & Everett Barta Memorial
Collin Grage	Taylor	Bismarck State College	Raider
Ali Moses	Thompson	University of North Dakota	ND Aviation Association Scholarship
Levi Hoyt	Tolna	Bismarck State College	Conrad & Arthur Nisstad Memorial
Blake Schafer	Wahpeton	Valley City State University	ND Farmers Union
Jesie Osler	Walcott	North Dakota State University	Audrey Doyle
Allison Wieler	Walhalla	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Abigail Waloch-Tweeten	Washburn	Kansas State University College of Vet Medicine	Dr. Roger E. Meisner Veterinary Medicine, ND Veterinary Medical
Alaina Ferry	Watford City	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg, Watford City High School Alumni Foundation
Alician Garcia	Watford City	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Alyssa Reyes	Watford City	Williston State College	Rupert Rehberg
Andrew Nielson	Watford City	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	Arnold & Dorthy Holm Scholarship, Rupert Rehberg
Asher Mitchell	Watford City	Dickinson State University	Rupert Rehberg
Ashleigh Voll	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg, Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Ashley Holen	Watford City	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Ashley Rust	Watford City	Brigham Young University - Idaho	Rupert Rehberg
Brett Rowe	Watford City	University of Jamestown	Rupert Rehberg
Brock Haugeberg	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Brooke Mogen	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Carter Zenz	Watford City	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Cauy Hartel	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Emma Mogen	Watford City	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Gideon Campbell	Watford City	University of Mary	Rupert Rehberg, Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Grace Dragseth	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Hailey Carns	Watford City	Williston State College	Rupert Rehberg
Haley Comstock	Watford City	University of Jamestown	Rupert Rehberg

Jacob Berg	Watford City	Dickinson State University	Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Jessen Homiston	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Joseph Dube	Watford City	Dickinson State University	Rupert Rehberg
Justine Schmahl	Watford City	Williston State College	Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Kanyon Tschetter	Watford City	Dickinson State University	Ray & Lillian Gulbranson, Wayne Olson Memorial Scholarship, Rupert Rehberg, Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Kiran Olson	Watford City	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Koby Blueford	Watford City	Northwest Kansas Technical College	Rupert Rehberg
Laney Hartel	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Donna Maston Charitable Fund, Rupert Rehberg
Lily Olson	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Lindsay Peterson	Watford City	Dickinson State University	Rupert Rehberg
Luis Maria	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Lydia Berquist	Watford City	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Macee Franz	Watford City	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg, Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Madison Namanny	Watford City	Valley City State	Rupert Rehberg
Madison Spacher	Watford City	Valley City State	Rupert Rehberg, Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Messina Garmann	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Ray & Lillian Gulbranson, Rupert Rehberg, Connie Wold Wellness Foundation
Mikka Haugeberg	Watford City	Minot State University	Rupert Rehberg
Morgan Franz	Watford City	University of North Dakota	Donna Maston Charitable Fund, Rupert Rehberg
Nevada Berquist	Watford City	Casper College	Rupert Rehberg
Quinn Voll	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Reese Johnson	Watford City	University of Arizona	Rupert Rehberg
Tayle Kaczmar	Watford City	North Dakota State University	Rupert Rehberg
Zanna Lyon	Watford City	University of North Dakota	Rupert Rehberg
Brian Wright	West Fargo	University of North Dakota	ND Aviation Association Scholarship
Landen Snellings	Williston	University of North Dakota	Marv Rockstad Memorial
Brooklyn Vollmer	Wing	North Dakota State University	Holli Kautzman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Emily Yoder	Wolford	North Dakota State University	Norman & Bill Erickson "Uffda"

Established in 1976, the NDCF currently manages over \$120 million in assets in over 800 component funds, including 69 local community foundations, over 80 organizational endowment funds, and numerous donor-advised and scholarship funds. It has made over \$91 million in grants since its inception with the mission of improving the lives of North Dakota citizens and their communities through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy.

For more information about the North Dakota Community Foundation, call 701-222-8349 or go online to www.NDCF.net.

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Testimony
House Bill 1343
Finance and Taxation Committee
January 23, 2023
Evan Grove Scholarship Fund

Chairman Headland and members of the Finance and Taxation Committee, my name is Jennifer Grove, and I am the mother of Evan Grove. I am in opposition to House Bill 1343 which limits tax credits for charitable gifts to scholarships like the Evan Grove Scholarship Fund.

My son Evan passed away on Oct. 21, 2020, from a sudden and tragic accident at the early age of 14 while in his freshman year at Legacy High School in Bismarck. The Evan Grove Scholarship Program was created on April 5, 2022. This day is significant because it would have been his 16th birthday. The fund was established by my family to commemorate Evan's love of the outdoors, hunting, shooting sports and his teammates, but most importantly, to honor his memory and to continue to light the community he thrived in with the glow of his abiding spirit.

Please allow me to first tell you a little bit about my son Evan. Like many sportsmen, Evan was quiet, at least until you got to know him. After that, his heart was wide open and he loved conversation, particularly good-natured, quick-witted banter and he was ready with a comeback for anything. It could be said that in his fourteen years, he outlived many of us in terms of adventure and quality of life experiences.

He was drawn to motors, learning to drive a four-wheeler at just two years of age. Whether it was snowmobiles in the winter, dirt bikes in the summer, or whatever challenge he could tackle with the family golf cart or side-by-side, Evan was constantly in motion. You needed only to follow his trail to find him, and that went double for locating him in the house, as he was the family mess maker who was especially fond of dreaming up new recipes in the kitchen.

A devout outdoorsman, Evan enjoyed hunting and fishing of all kinds, but loved it most when he could partake of his favorite pastimes in the field and on the water with his friends. Skilled technically, he crafted knives from pieces of raw metal, trained dogs, was a budding welder, and could change a tire, ensuring that no matter the pursuit or the challenge, he would be ready for what life, nature, and the road (or lack thereof) could throw at him. During the COVID pandemic at times he would attend his school classes from his deer stand or fox hole. He was truly living his best life!

A beloved son, brother and grandson, Evan's spirit was treasured by all those he touched. His closest friends remember him as mischievous, but trustworthy and loyal while providing constant comic relief in all their adventures and hang outs.

Now back to the scholarship fund. We established the fund with the North Dakota Community Foundation in the hopes of having it eventually become an endowment fund to continue Evan's legacy forever. Within just 5 months we met that \$25,000 goal by hosting various fundraisers. Prior to his passing Evan competed in trap and skeet for Legacy High School under the umbrella of the Missouri River Clay Target League. My husband Eric and I volunteer our time in numerous ways to help this organization grow and thrive. During the time that has followed Evan's death, members of this group have become like family to us. They have supported us and sustained us. We have been truly humbled by the outpouring of support. Due to these reasons, we have specifically restricted the scholarship to students that have participated in the Missouri River Clay Target League. We are grateful we can keep Evan's legacy alive and do something positive for the youth of our community.

I would also like to give you a bit more information about the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). The Foundation was established in 1976 to improve the quality of life for North Dakota's citizens through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy. They are an IRS designated 501(c)(3) statewide public non-profit tax-exempt corporation that receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs, which benefit North Dakotans.

According to NDCF website (<https://www.ndcf.net>), the majority of NDCF assets are in permanent endowment funds either benefiting communities across North Dakota or as Special Purpose or Scholarship Funds.

Also, according to their website, they awarded over \$705,000 in over 400 scholarships to North Dakota students in 2022. The organization currently manages over 184 scholarship funds supported by North Dakotans, former residents and those interested in helping North Dakota students succeed.

"We are honored to help these students further their education," said Kevin Dvorak, President, and CEO of NDCF. "And we are grateful to generous North Dakotans whose gifts made these scholarships possible."

I have attached their list organized alphabetically by hometown. It provides the name of each scholarship recipient, their hometown, the school they planned to attend (if known), and the scholarship fund or funds at NDCF from which the money was granted. In most cases, a local advisory committee recommends the grant recipient.

You may notice this list does not include the scholarships that were awarded in 2022 for the Evan Grove Scholarship Fund. This is due to two reasons. The first reason is the fund had not generated enough income in 2022 to award a scholarship from the income. Therefore, my husband and I funded three \$500 scholarships for this first year. The second reason is we established a scholarship committee to administer the distribution of the scholarship funds. NDCF only lists the scholarships they administer for distribution.

Bismarck Public Schools Foundation also maintains several scholarships which I believe would be affected by this legislation. A few of these scholarships include the Danie Thomssen Memorial Scholarship, the LHS Scholarship, the BHS Scholarship, CHS Scholarship, Brandon Thomsen Memorial Scholarship, and the Jaide Tosseth Memorial Scholarship. According to their website (<https://bpsfoundation.com>) they have issued \$179,740 in scholarships to BPS students.

The Fiscal Note provided by Mr. Bryan Bittner from the ND Tax Department said, if enacted, the restriction created by HB 1343 could produce a **slight** revenue increase to the state general fund revenues. I believe however, if enacted this could have a **substantial negative** impact on funds like the one established for my son.

I would like to see the tax credit continue to be allowed for individuals to give charitably to the causes closest to their hearts.

I urge you to place a do NOT pass recommendation on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

To Whom it May Concern about HB 1343,

My name is Aurora Zainhofsky. I am currently an undergraduate student at North Dakota State University. I went to Century High School where I participated in trapshooting. Missouri River Clay Target League (MRCTL) shaped me to be the person I am today.

In June of 2022, I was one of three recipients of the Evan Grove Scholarship. Although we did not go to the same school, Evan was a fellow trap shooter. I did not know him well, but I have come to know his parents, Eric and Jen. In memorial of their son, Eric and Jen created a scholarship fund for MRCTL participants. It is awarded to a high school senior or trade school attendee who participates in at least two seasons of North Dakota High School Clay Target League competition for any of the six Bismarck-Mandan high schools that are a part of MRCTL.

I participated in MRCTL from the spring of 2018 to the spring of 2022. I have learned many lessons that apply to trapshooting as a sport, but also life. One of the biggest lessons I have learned is the importance of supporting our family. Family in itself has many different definitions. Family can include both biological and chosen. Everyone in MRCTL is part of my chosen family. They have supported me through good and bad seasons. MRCTL has supported me and others who are part of the MRCTL family. When Evan tragically passed away, everyone in the MRCTL family rallied around the Grove's and loved on them. The support given by everyone in MRCTL is beyond describable.

When Eric and Jen created the scholarship in Evan's memory, they decided to support those who supported them. I remember going to Sunday league weeks and there being a table with a jar for donations. They had snacks and drinks available for those who donated as a small token of appreciation. In addition, the scholarship fund was able to sell ice cream treats at the North Dakota Trapshooting Association's State Tournament in July of 2022. Without the generosity of people supporting the scholarship through small events like this, the Evan Grove Scholarship would not be thriving as much as it is. Although small events are enough to keep the scholarship alive, it would not exist without large charitable donations.

HB 1343 would negatively impact the Evan Grove Scholarship. People will be less likely to donate large amounts of money because although some people donate out of kindness, others donate to obtain a tax credit. According to HB 1343, Section 1, a. the purpose of the charitable gift is to provide a scholarship, this would not be possible. It would inevitably cause the scholarship to struggle and be more difficult to support MRCTL participants.

Seeing how much effort has gone into the creation of this scholarship, it would be disheartening to see it struggle or worse yet, cease to exist. As someone who has received a scholarship that would be impacted by HB 1343, I urge you as legislators to consider all of the positive impacts scholarships have on their recipients, and more relevantly the impact donors have on the longevity of scholarships and the memories behind them.

With Regards,

Aurora Zainhofsky

To Whom It May Concern about HB 1343,

As parents of a recipient of a scholarship, we feel this will have a negative impact for future recipients. This bill will limit the growth potential of sustainability for scholarship funds already in place and deter other scholarships from being established. Donations of any kind help keep the scholarships going and many rely on the large donations that are given by others who rely on the tax exemption. The small day to day fundraisers is great for growth but are not sustainable for longevity of any fund. As a small business owner, I know that small day to day projects pay the bills but it the large projects that create the legacy. By enacting this bill, you will be eliminating the large growth funds needed.

Sadly, we have two different families that we personally know that have set up scholarships in the honor of the school aged child. To help keep the memory of the child alive, they have chosen to make it more meaningful and direct the scholarship toward activities that their children were passionate about. Which should be the choice of the scholarship maker. We as parents of one of these scholarship recipients, we would like to see your vote in opposition of HB1343. Help us keep the growth moving forward for future generations to benefit.

Sincerely,

Blaine and Sarah Zainhofsky

Representative Craig Headland
House Finance and Taxation Committee

HB 1343, Version 23.0846.01000
Monday, January 23, 2023
11:00am, Room 327E

In Opposition

My name is Christina Tosseth and I am testifying against HB 1343.

My daughter Jaide Tosseth died unexpectedly on October 16, 2016 in a tragic accident while she was 14 years old. She just started as a freshman at Legacy High School. She loved playing violin in the orchestra, cheerleading, and had just completed earning the Silver Award in Girl Scouts. The Silver Award is the highest award for Girl Scouts to earn at her level.

My husband and I were fortunate enough to be able to set up a memorial scholarship in her name. There are requirements in the scholarship to be awarded to a female student that attends Legacy High School that share similar passions as Jaide in her honor. Jaide's life ended before she could fully experience High School and college.

Therefore, the requirements are not very stringent, because we wanted to give an opportunity for someone to experience college that may not have had the opportunity otherwise. They also allow a piece of our daughter to move forward in time and make a difference for others since she is no longer here to do it herself. The requirement of being a Legacy High School student is to show our appreciation to the Legacy High School community who were very supportive to our family and Jaide's friends during this most difficult time.

I am against this bill for 2 main reasons. First, the requirements are thoughtfully considered and have meaning for so many reasons. It is my belief that if people are not able to use donations to the scholarship fund as a charitable gift for tax credit, these scholarships will dissolve. Donations are hard to obtain already and without the tax credit, many people may not be willing to donate as much or not at all. We have lost so much already and would hate to see these opportunities be lost for others.

Secondly, the fiscal impact cannot be determined. Why take away something that directly benefits/impacts many students who may not have the opportunity to further their education when you do not have the facts to support the impact of removing the tax credit?

Again, I am against HB 1343 due to the lack of information on the financial impact it will have and the possible loss of these important scholarships that memorialize and honor the loved one we have lost.

Christina Tosseth
Jaide's Mom

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Jaide's Obituary – <https://www.eastgatefuneral.com/obituaries/3947386>

Jaide's Scholarship page - <https://bpsfoundation.com/project/jaide-tosseth-memorial-scholarship/>

One example of Legacy Community Support - <https://www.kxnet.com/news/neighbors-turn-house-lights-red-for-jaide-tosseth/>

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Evan Grove Scholarship Fund

Chairman Headland and members of the Finance and Taxation Committee, my name is Joshua Entzel Jr, and I am a 2022 recipient of the Evan Grove Scholarship. I am in opposition to House Bill 1343 which limits tax credits for charitable gifts to scholarships like the Evan Grove Scholarship Fund.

The Evan Grove Scholarship has provided me the ability to pursue becoming an electrician. With the help of this scholarship, I will be able to work less during my time in college and focus on my grades and degree. To start adulthood off on the right foot my parents have had me save money to pay my own way through college and instill that hard work has results. By paying for my college experience, I will value my education and success more. My goal is to keep my student loan debt to a minimum so I can focus on my career and future versus paying off college loans, and thanks to scholarships like this one it makes it possible for myself and many other students to do the same. Everyone should have the ability to pursue higher education whether it be a simple 2 year degree or a 10 year one. This scholarship provides me with my dream of being an electrician. Allowing me to pursue a growing field of hard working men and women of America.

I would like to see the tax credits continue to be allowed for individuals to give charitably to the causes such as this scholarship.

I urge you to place a do NOT pass recommendation on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.