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WRITTEN PROPONENT TESTIMONY FOR HB 2136

Thank you, Madam Chair Estes, and members of the House Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 2136, the low-income tax credit student scholarship bill.

My name is Alma Hernandez and my children Isaac, Erick and Ian attend Saint Margaret Mary Catholic school thanks to the low income tax credit scholarship program.

Here is our story:

I grew up Catholic, but unable to receive the Catholic education I always wanted to. When I had my first child, there was no doubt he'd attend a catholic school. I am, for the most part, a stay-at-home mom and my husband works in construction; our income is low, but still the kids' education is a priority. Isaac is now in 5th, Erick in Kindergarten and Ian in Pre-K. We are so grateful that our kids are receiving not only the best academic content but also a strong formation in our Catholic faith. We love the community and get involved as much as possible in the school.

In conclusion, please support HB 2136 so my child and others can have the opportunity for an education that best suits their needs.

Thank you.

Alma Hernandez

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