



Brittany Jones Testimony in Support of H.B. 2136

House Education

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Chairwoman Estes and members of the committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney and the Director of Policy and Engagement for Kansas Family Voice. Kansas Family Voice believes that Kansas should be a place where life is cherished, religious freedom, & families thrive. We believe families thrive when they have freedom to choose how and where they educate their children. It is for these reasons that we urge your support of H.B. 2136.

The low-income tax credit scholarship provides more educational flexibility for Kansas families. In an ever- changing educational environment, parents need every tool available to place their children in a learning environment that fits their child's individual needs. This program is a simple way to empower parents to choose. It has already helped hundreds of Kansas children receive an education that better suits their needs.

Educational freedom is based on one simple idea that parents should have the ability to send their kids to any school that will help their children thrive. It is a child and family centric model. It is not about pitting one type of schooling against another but simply empowering families to make the best choice for them.

More than a dozen other states have similar programs. As this program sees more and more use, it only makes sense to expand eligibility. This program is a great way to utilize the free market by incentivizing investment in our children's education, paired with giving families options who would not normally have educational options.

Parents are best positioned to know and raise their children. Educational institutions can be an asset to this relationship. Recognizing and protecting the fundamental relationship between a parent and their child is vital to ensuring the stability of our society. For these reasons, I ask that you vote H.B. 2136 out favorably.

Thank you!