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WRITTEN PROPONENT TESTIMONY FOR HB 2136

Thank you, 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 Celia Hageman and I have 2 sons and 1 daughter that attend St. Francis of Assis and Bishop Carroll, both Catholic schools. I also teach at St. Joseph Catholic School. The low income tax credit scholarship program has significantly helped our schools and the other schools in our diocese. We highly value having a diverse population in our schools and as we teach our children about social justice, we feel this is a topic at hand that our state must expand.

In conclusion, please support HB 2136 so the children in the Wichita

Catholic Diocese and other private schools have the opportunity for an

education that best suits their needs.

Thank you.

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