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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 Mary Felicity Barles and my sons, Mario and Timothy. attend St. Francis of Assisi Catholic school. The low income tax credit scholarship program has significantly helped our school 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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St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Joyfully in Jesus, Fey Barles St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Assistant Principal Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Levels I/T, I, II, III Nazareth House Administrator



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