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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.

Our names are Jason and Lauragail Gamble and our daughters attend St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic (SEAS) school thanks to the low-income tax credit scholarship program.

Here is our story:

As parents of five children including two young daughters who are currently in second grade and kindergarten at SEAS, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of Catholic education in their lives. The daily integration of faith teachings into their education has become fundamental to their development, nurturing not just their academic growth but their spiritual and moral compass as well. Each day, we see them growing into compassionate, thoughtful individuals who understand the importance of serving others.

The exceptional quality of education they receive is marked by dedicated teachers who provide personalized attention and create an environment where every child can thrive. Their teachers don't just educate; they mentor, guide, and inspire. This individualized approach has allowed our daughters to excel academically while developing strong character traits that will serve them - and our community - throughout their lives.

In conclusion, we strongly urge you to support HB 2136. This program isn't just about education; it's about investing in children who will become tomorrow's community leaders and caring citizens. Your support ensures that families like ours can continue to choose an education that aligns with our values and prepares our children for a future of service and excellence. Without your support, this type of education would not be possible for our family.

Thank you for your consideration.

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