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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.

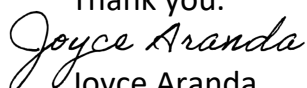
My name is Joyce Aranda and I am the principal at All Saints Catholic school. I have 52 students attending All Saints Catholic School thanks to the low income tax credit scholarship program. Without this program, these 52 students would not be able to attend All Saints. The low income tax credit scholarship program has significantly helped my school as 30% of my school's population is attending All Saints because of this program.

One particular family that has truly benefited from this program is a family with 8 children. It would not be possible for their children to attend All Saints Catholic School without the support of the low-income tax credit scholarship. This program has allowed this family to choose an education that best suits the needs of their children.

All Saints Catholic School is a very low income school with over 65% of our students on free or reduced lunches. Every child deserves to attend a school that fosters their values and academic needs. All Saints Catholic School is dedicated to meeting the needs of all students and help guide them to grow into lifelong learners, good citizens, kind humans, that are generous and value driven.

In conclusion, please support HB 2136 so my students and other students to follow can have the opportunity for an education that best suits their needs.

Thank you.


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