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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 Juli McClure, and currently, my three sons attend St Francis of Assisi Catholic school and Bishop Carroll Catholic High 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. Every child regardless of their family's financial situation deserves to receive quality education and formation. It is also my hope that ensuring people (parents and their children) from all socio-economic situations are daily encouraged to exchange experience, education and ideas that we can lift our most financially challenged neighbors up through those interactions and their children's opportunities.

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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