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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 Nicole Gust and my youngest son, Benjamin, attends Holy Cross Catholic school while my middle son, Aaron, and daughter, Claire, both attend Trinity Catholic Jr/Sr High School. Our oldest son, Adam, graduated from TCHS in 2023. 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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