

## **Testimony to the House Committee on Education**

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**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** written

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Chair Estes & Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill number HB 2136. There are still plenty of students under the current guidelines who are eligible for the Tax Credit Scholarship program. There is no need to expand. In fact, expanding the program to private school students will just take limited spots from at-risk students who supposedly were the ones in need.

In 2023, only 1,340 students were participating in the current program, despite 230,000 public school students being eligible. Continuing to expand these programs will only take funding from public schools, which will be especially detrimental to rural schools.

In closing, please vote no on bill HB 2136.

Alison Stephen

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