

**Written Testimony on HB 2136
Submitted to the
House Education Committee
Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

Chair Estes and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 2136, which seeks to expand student eligibility under the tax credit for low-income students scholarship program. Our concerns with this measure center on two key issues.

First, increasing the tax credits available to donors contributing to scholarship-granting organizations would effectively reduce state revenue—funds that are essential for supporting not only public education but also other critical public services, such as healthcare and infrastructure.

Second, the bill fails to address the lack of oversight and accountability for institutions benefiting from these scholarship funds. Without proper safeguards, taxpayer dollars could support institutions that do not monitor student performance adequately or meet the state accreditation standards established by this legislative body.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the committee to oppose HB 2136.

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