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Chair Estes & Members of the Committee,

I am writing to let you know about my opposition to bill number HB 2136.

Leadership in the legislature is continually trying to expand this program beyond its original intent: to help low-income (at-risk) students attending one of the 100 lowest-performing public schools. This will allow students to get a good education and job. No longer depend on government assistance.

This bill: The donation limit per "donor" (corporation or individual) is \$500,000. Any amount donated will provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the taxpayer's tax liability. "Donors" funnel money to private schools and are fully reimbursed by the state. If the tax liability is less than the donated amount, the tax credit can be carried forward to future years.

This tax avoidance scheme can bring big benefits to corporations and the wealthy while reducing the state general fund used to fund our public schools, maintain our roads and bridges, and more.

I am asking you to vote no on bill HB 2136.

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