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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 Amanda Lucero and my sons Jesus and Jose attend Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and my other children, Max, Lorenzo and Aundrea attend St. Anne Catholic School thanks to the low income tax credit scholarship program.

Here is our story:

My husband and I love sending our kids to Catholic School. They receive an excellent rigorous education that not only challenges them academically, but spiritually. Having them in a place where they feel safe and accepted is more than I could ask for. Being able to contact their teachers about any concerns I have, or to simply praise the job they are doing is amazing. We transferred from a public school where there wasn't any of that. In the public school one of my children was bullied and another was reprimanded in the 2nd grade for not telling a teacher that another 2nd grader had drugs- my child had no idea what it was. Making the choice to move them to a school where our family values are reinforced has done wonders for our children. Being able to not have to worry about them at school excessively is a blessing thanks to the tax credit.

In conclusion, please support HB 2136 so my children and other can have the opportunity for an education that best suits their needs.

Thank you,

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