

Proponent of House Bill #2136
House Education Committee
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Dr. John Walker
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Madam Chair and members of the House Committee on Education:

My name is Dr. John Walker, and I serve as the Superintendent at Central Christian School in Hutchinson, KS. I also have the distinct pleasure of serving as the Kansas Representative for all Kansas Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) accredited schools. I am also blessed to serve on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Association for Independent and Religious Schools (KAIRS).

I respectfully offer testimony in support of HB 2136, expanding student eligibility under the tax credit for low-income students scholarship program, increasing the amount of the tax credit for contributors made pursuant to such program and providing for aggregate tax credit limit increases under certain conditions.

Very briefly, many of our students are blessed by the programs available to them through opportunities as this bill allows. Many students would not be attending our school today, because of their income status. Programs like this allow for more diverse schools, socio-economically, and provides opportunities for more children and families.

Please expand the program that is in place, knowing that over 80 schools currently use this program to provide an excellent educational experience for their students. Please consider how this program will allow more options to more students, to be taught in the environment that parents desire. The point is educational choice – and providing parents more opportunities and freedom of choice.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John Walker
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