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WRITTEN PROPONENT TESTIMONY FOR HB 2136

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 Tammy Toney and my daughters (Sophia and Olivia) attend All Saints Catholic School that is located within the Wichita, KS diocese. The low income tax credit scholarship program has significantly helped many children within our diocese and it brings me joy to see all of these children enjoying a wonderful Catholic education. Our school thrives on the diversity of our children, but without this tax credit program supporting our low-income families, I am sad to say many children would not be successfully enrolled in our schools. I can acknowledge from personal experience, that without this program, I would not have two thriving daughters at All Saints because of the financial strain I would face without it. I stay hopeful this program will continue to thrive and provide many children the opportunity to enjoy a well-rounded Catholic education.

In conclusion, please support HB 2136 so the children in the Wichita Catholic Diocese and other private schools have the opportunity for an education that best suits their needs.

Thank you.

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