

Proponent Testimony of SB 87
For the House Education Committee
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Chair Estes and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony in support of Senate Bill 87 on behalf of All Saints Catholic School.

My name is Joyce Aranda, and I am the principal at All Saints Catholic School. We currently have 52 students attending our school thanks to the Low-Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Without this program, these 52 students would not have the opportunity to attend All Saints. In fact, 30% of our student population benefits directly from this scholarship program.

One particularly impactful example is a family with 8 children. Without the support of the Low-Income Tax Credit Scholarship, it would be impossible for their children to attend All Saints Catholic School. This program has allowed them to choose an education that best suits the needs of their children, ensuring a brighter future for each of them.

All Saints Catholic School is a low-income institution, with over 65% of our students receiving free or reduced lunches. Every child deserves the opportunity to attend a school that not only fosters their academic growth but also nurtures their values. We are committed to meeting the diverse needs of all our students and guiding them to become lifelong learners, responsible citizens, kind individuals, and people who value generosity and strong principles.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to support SB 87 so that my students, along with many others, can continue to benefit from an education that best suits their needs and aspirations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Joyce Aranda
Principal, All Saints Catholic School