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As a citizen and conservative, I am deeply concerned at the proposal that future EdChoice Scholarships are to be awarded based solely on income.

House Speaker Larry Householder, R-Glenford, said in a news release. "The Buckeye Opportunity Scholarship plan will put low-income students at the front of the line."

How in this world is this fair? In my opinion, this action is quite socialist, and once again, discriminates against those that work hard every day, pay their taxes, and do their part to make our world a better, brighter, place. Supporting SB89 (as written) is extremely disappointing to those hard working Ohioans that want to be able to send their child to a school that best services their child's unique needs.

My child has a 504 Plan. A plan it took me two and a half years to get into place. I studied, kept track of data, asked, annoyed, and virtually had to beg to get my son tested and identified as having some special needs. He suffers from severe anxiety, which is hard to make many people understand. The concessions he needs are relatively minor, but make a huge impact. I now spend most of my time making sure these needs are met, because if I do not stay on top of it, who will. Next year, my son will make the move to middle school. He struggles with time constraints, schedule changes, and noise and chaos. All things that happen many times during the normal middle school and high school day. He would not only be lost, but miserable in this environment. I fear he would have little chance at receiving the best education possible in a public school. My husband and I are both educators and have struggled with what to do and how to make sure he becomes the best student he can be. We believe that he excels in small groups and would flourish in the stability and morals that a faith-based school can provide. He was scheduled to start school at the Miracle City Academy in Piketon, Ohio this fall. The public school (Jasper Elementary) in the Scioto Valley School District where we live was on the previous EdChoice list and HAS NOT made academic progress. Taking away the EdChoice option is the same as saying that he does not matter and is not important. I beg you to consider all of Ohio's children when making this monumental decision and not just look at the financial side of the picture. These children are our future and they deserve the chance to go to the school that best fits them.