

Dear Representative Jones,

As a tuition paying, Catholic educated parent of a Catholic child who is eligible, but DOES NOT take Ed Choice, please STOP Ed Choice!

All children have the right to a free public and appropriate education. No one has the right to a Catholic education. Catholic education is for parents and students who want to work for it and pay for it.

It is disgusting to me that the government takes my working class family's tax dollars and uses them to send other people's children to Catholic school, while we sacrifice to pay for our own child's education. It is nauseating that the extended members of my working class family's tax dollars are also being used this way.

I went to Catholic school, because my blue collar working Dad worked 6 days a week to send my brother and I there. I also had to work and earn towards my education. It wasn't raised to mooch off of the tax payers.

The quality of Catholic education has gone down since Ed Choice. I have also witnessed Catholic schools discriminating against children of different abilities, while taking public money and still claiming to be private! There is supposed to be a separation of church and state. Please stop abusing tax payer money with this program!

Sincerely,

Mary Bates