

Legislative Testimony

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee, I am grateful for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding H.B.110. My name is John Clarke, and I am a Catholic school parent for boys in both St. Andrew School in Upper Arlington, Ohio and St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio.

Today, I am testifying in support of the EdChoice scholarship program. This program has been incredibly important to my family and has allowed my children to receive a high-quality education otherwise unavailable because of our local failing school. Attending the EdChoice-participating Catholic Diocesan schools have been truly instrumental in easing the financial burden that would have resulted by paying both the local tax that sustains the local school and the additional cost of providing, out of pocket, for my children to receive a decent education. The many families the EdChoice scholarship program has been able to assist has truly been impactful.

Thank you for the continued support of the Senate for the EdChoice, Jon Peterson, and Autism Scholarship. Also, as cost of education of school participating in the EdChoice scholarship program increases, please consider increasing these scholarship amounts for both the elementary and high schools to meet rising costs. An increase will help families sustain their student's education, as well as their academic well-being.

Chair Brenner and members of the committee, I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the EdChoice Scholarship in HB 110, and I ask for your favorable support as well.

Best Regards,

John Clarke

Parents of students at St. Andrew School and St. Charles Prep