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Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide interested party testimony regarding H.B. 110. My name is Morna Thompson and I am a Catholic school parent from Saint Francis DeSales High School, Columbus, Ohio.

I am testifying today 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 that they might not have otherwise been able to receive. Attending Saint Francis DeSales School has been the right choice for my children, and I hope that parents can continue to choose the best educational option for their children. Ohio's state scholarships are just one way for parents to exercise their choice of the best educational option for their child.

I am thankful for the continued support of the Senate for the EdChoice. I ask that you consider increasing these scholarship amounts for both the elementaries and high schools, which have not been increased in six years. The increase will help families choose the best option for their child's education and 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 H.B. 110, and I ask for your favorable support as well.