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Chairman Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson, and distinguished members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to write on behalf of House Bill 339. As a Special Education Consultant with a Master's Degree in Education and nearly two years of working closely with High Street Christian School, which exemplifies forward-thinking and inclusive practices, I am compelled to share my insights and advocate for funding that will further support and enhance the educational opportunities for students in Ohio who attend non-chartered non-public schools (NCNP).

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege to collaborate with numerous schools, yet the dedication and innovative approach to education I have witnessed at High Street Christian School has surpassed my expectations. Their commitment to creating an inclusive environment that caters to every student's diverse needs is commendable and essential in today's educational landscape. Their philosophy of education, which prioritizes accessibility and quality learning for all, is a model that I firmly believe should be available to every child, regardless of their background or financial standing.

However, the potential to scale and replicate this model is limited without adequate funding. For this reason, please consider extending financial support and resources to schools that are making a tangible difference in the lives of their students through House Bill 339. By providing funding options, we can ensure that these exemplary educational practices are not just reserved for a few but are accessible to many, thereby enriching the lives of students across Ohio and setting a precedent for what is possible in education.

House Bill 339 would have a profound impact. It would enable (NCNP) schools to innovate further, support their staff, and, most importantly, offer students an education tailored to their needs, preparing them for a successful future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support for House Bill 339 could catalyze meaningful change in Ohio's educational landscape, benefiting countless students and setting them on a path to success.

Sincerely,

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