

## **HB 339 Proponent Testimony**

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Chair Bird and esteemed members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, I passionately implore you to wholeheartedly support HB339.

My wife and I are committed to continuing the education journey of our two sons and two daughters in a non-charter, non-public school through 12th grade. We both as graduates of a non-public, non-charter school ourselves, firmly believe in the parental privilege and duty to shape our children's education.

Our lives have been profoundly enriched by the exceptional education we received, inspiring us to become educators in an NCNP school. Despite the financial sacrifices we're willing to make, we recognize that our group was overlooked in previous attempts to provide school choice.

HB339 aims to extend educational savings programs to parents like us, offering crucial assistance as we strive to secure the best education for our children. On a personal note, overcoming dyslexia and ADHD in a traditional classroom setting was a challenge. Yet, thanks to the individualized education at an NCNP school, I now excel in areas that once filled me with dread. This unique experience equips me to support students facing similar challenges. As a certified Barton dyslexia tutor, I am dedicated to passing on the blessings of my NCNP education to future bright Ohioans.

HB339 holds the key to brightening Ohio's future, empowering families, and shaping a path of success for generations to come!

Thank you,

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