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Dear Chair Bird, Vice-Chair Fowler-Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Primary and Secondary Educational Committee,

I am writing you to express my support for Ohio House Bill 339 to Establish the Nonchartered Educational Savings Account Program. My children have attended Germantown Christian School, a non-chartered, non-public school since 2020. The passing of this legislation would bring essential resources to our school as well as lighten the financial burden of tuition costs upon our family.

I have worked in higher education teaching and tutoring college students since 2011. Prior to that time, I practiced law for several years before choosing to stay home at least part-time with my children. This background has provided me with the ability to recognize the value of the education my children are receiving at Germantown Christian School. The smaller class sizes provided allow teachers and children to focus and achieve vigorous goals in the fast-paced Abeka curriculum.

As taxpayers, we further believe we should have access to high-quality Christian education. The passing of the Non-chartered Educational Savings Account Program would ensure that this access continues to be available. The rising cost of living and expenses due to inflation have made this access become increasingly challenging for our family as well as others that we know. Additionally, these costs have led many schools including GCS to contemplate tuition increases. Without the Non-chartered Educational Savings Account Program, it may become impossible for our family and others to continue to have these choices in our children's education.

I support Ohio House Bill 339 because it would provide essential funds needed to continue giving our children the education of our choice and the education that they need.

Sincerely,

Susan Nelson, J.D.