

Testimony in favor of HB339

Chairman Bird, Vice-chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and distinguished members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee thank you for the opportunity to advocate for House Bill 339.

As a parent of a child currently enrolled in a non chartered non public school, House Bill 339 is very important to me. I thought that the Universal School Choice program (HB 33) would be a great assistance to me, however, my child's school was excluded.

The NCNP school my child attends has provided not only an excellent education, but also has helped him to grow socially while being in an environment that has been crucial to his well-being. My son came to his current school as a result of the absolute failure of our local public school system. My child was neglected by the majority of the school's staff while he attended one of our public grade schools. The administration wanted to take my bright son and place him into a special education program that was absolutely unneeded instead of properly assessing his abilities. I was very fortunate to have a family member remind me of a NCNP school right here in my city. I was able to meet with the school administrators of my local NCNP school and was very impressed with the caring staff and smaller class sizes and decided to make the change. Financially, the tuition has been a yearly struggle, even though the tuition is far below the market value.

I strongly urge you to extend the education savings programs to households like mine, which have students attending non chartered non public schools. The education and environment my student receives at an NCNP school will allow him and many others to become another generation of adults that will be an asset to all of us in Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration.

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