

Testimony in favor of HB339

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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 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. The NCNP school my child attends has provided not only an excellent education but also has helped him to flourish in many healthy areas of life. Without question, the school helps reinforce the well-mannered, practical, and productive ideals his mother and I have tried to instill in him from his earliest years

Our son started his education and continues at his current school as a result of my experience and success walking the same halls, decades earlier. My parents made this sacrifice for me and my brother and it is the desire of my wife and I to do the same for our son. We absolutely recognize the value of it

My wife and I were able to meet with the school administrators of our local NCNP school and were both very impressed with the caring staff and smaller class sizes. Those are just two of the many reasons our educational decision remains steadfast. 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 receive 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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