

February 12, 2024

Dear Members of the Primary & Secondary Education Committee:

I am writing to share how important the education of the little people of this world are to me. In October of 2023, I left a full-time position making good money with benefits. I am now a caregiver for my three year-old grandson as well as children for two other families. I am making it a priority of the future of our children, to work with our Pastor and the Board of our church to begin a Preschool and Primary school this coming August. I once was that single parent struggling to give my children the best education and care while working a full-time position, along with paying month to month bills.

In 2024, there are even more concerns and struggles while sending children off to school with rising costs including taxes. The HB 339 is an awesome opportunity to assist and resolve this inequity and make private Christian education more accessible for the parents being committed to their children, as their most important responsibilities.

I deeply encourage the committee to pass this legislation out of committee into the house for consideration by the full body.

Sincerely,



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