

Chair Cirino, Vice Chair Chavez, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide interested party testimony on House Bill 96.

My name is Christine George and I reside in Brecksville, OH.

We are writing to you to ask that you please reconsider the decision to take ESA's for non-chartered non-public schools out of House Bill 96.

There are many stellar schools throughout the state which would be much more affordable to families, should our education tax dollars be made available us. Please free these funds to accomplish their intended purpose: to educate our children in wholesome and rigorous classes which uphold our sincerely held values.

The Department of Education has not helped our public school students. Please note the abysmal reading and math scores of our children compared to other countries. Yet we spend an insane amount of money per each public school student, with poor results.

Our son attends a classical academy and is absolutely thriving there. It is most unfortunate that we cannot receive any financial assistance at all, simply because our school has chosen to be independent of state-imposed rules and regulations.

We ask you to please add ESA's for NCNP back into the bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 96. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

We appreciate your consideration,
Christine George and family