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Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide interested party testimony regarding H.B.110.

I have the honor of serving as the Principal of Resurrection School, located in Cincinnati's Price Hill neighborhood. The vast majority of the families we serve use the EdChoice Scholarship to cover the cost of tuition.

As an educator and a parent, I am grateful that the EdChoice Scholarship program exists. Without such a program, children would be forced to attend certain schools by virtue of the ZIP code in which they reside and the zoning lines within a district. The EdChoice Scholarship program empowers parents with agency and choice—allowing parents to select schools that best meet the needs of their child(ren).

From my point of view as a school administrator, I would respectfully request the following:

1. Continue to offer and fully fund scholarship programs.
2. Expand programs to meet the demand, so no families are shut out of the opportunity.
3. Increase the value of the scholarships – it's been more than six years since scholarship amounts were increased.
 - a. This would allow schools to continue to offer innovative and high-quality academic programming to scholars most in need.
4. That the application process to be streamlined. Right now, it is taking months to receive notice after applications are submitted. Families often do not have a decision until several months into the school year. This puts schools in precarious positions as they admit students who may not be able to cover the private pay tuition, but have not yet received the EdChoice scholarship.

Thank you for your support of the EdChoice Scholarship Programs. I am looking forward to appearing in front of the committee in-person.

All the best,

Tom Loughead
Principal