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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written interested party testimony regarding H.B.110. Our names are Sheila and Carl Behrendt and we are Catholic school parents from St. Francis DeSales High School.

We are providing this testimony because school choice is very important to our family. As recipients of the EdChoice Scholarship, our family has benefitted and been positively impacted by the assistance of tuition that this scholarship has provided. Receiving this assistance has relieved some of the financial burden that comes with choosing a high quality education from St. Francis DeSales High School. Attending St. Francis DeSales has allowed our son to receive an excellent education that is right for him. We hope that all parents can continue to choose the best educational option for their children. Ohio's state scholarships are just one way for parents to exercise their choice of the best educational option for their child.

We are thankful for the continued support of the Senate for EdChoice, Jon Peterson, and Autism Scholarships. We ask that you consider increasing these scholarship amounts for both the elementaries and high schools, which have not been increased in six years. This increase will help families choose the best option for their student's education and well-being.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Carl and Sheila Behrendt