



Legislative Testimony

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"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 interested party testimony regarding H.B.110. My name is Tom Reither and I am a Catholic school parent from St. Francis DeSales High School and St. Paul School."

"I am testifying today in support of the Jon Peterson scholarship program. It has always been important to me and my wife Kate that our four children receive a faith-based education. However, two of our children have learning and speech disabilities. Without the funding provided by the Jon Peterson scholarship, we would have been forced to choose between our faith and the special education our children require. With Jon Peterson, my sixteen-year-old is maintaining a 3.4 grade-point-average in spite of her dyslexia, and my seven-year-old is now reading at grade level while continuing to receive special education in math. Attending St. Francis DeSales High School and St. Paul School has been the right choice for my children, and I hope that 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."

"I am thankful for the continued support of the Senate for the EdChoice, Jon Peterson, and Autism Scholarship. I 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."

"Chair Brenner and members of the committee, I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the EdChoice Scholarship in HB 110, and I ask for your favorable support as well. At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions."

