

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Date: 3/13/2023

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Business _____ before _____ the _____ committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): House Bill 11

Specific Issue: School Choice

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

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How much time will your testimony require? 2 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position: See attached.

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Good Afternoon Chair Bird, Vice Chair Fowler-Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and Members of the House Education Committee.

My name is Amaya Raye. I am a very outspoken person so I am here to talk to you about House Bill 11. School choice is very important to me because I learn differently. So it was important for me and my mom to find the right fit for me. I trust my mom to help me find the right fit for me because my mother always has the best in mind. Which is another reason we should pass this bill. Parents should be confident that their child is getting the best education. That can not always be given at the school in their public district. This bill should also improve the local schools by providing healthy and fair competition and who doesn't love healthy competition. I know I do, which is why I am happy I got to choose a school that challenges me. Not everyone is like me which is why having school choice is so important.

I am lucky enough to have a scholarship to a school where I can speak freely about God and learn hands-on. I also have magnificent teachers like my science teacher who provides wonderful visuals that help my class and I remember material. Or like my math teacher who provides the tough love. But not everyone needs those things like I do. Maybe they need the class reading and learning like what we do with my ELA and social studies teacher. But me, I need them all to learn and be at my best ability. Other kids don't have the opportunity to get what they need because they can't get a scholarship and they can not afford to go to a school of their choice. Thank you all for your listening to my speech I would be open to any questions you may have. Have a good day!!!!