February 10, 2024

Dear Members of the primary and Secondar Education Committee:

I was not able to attend a private Christian School as a child. When my daughter was born, there was a Christian School that opened in our small town. I had the option to send her to this school, but I was still responsible for paying my fair share of taxes for the public school.

Now 25 years later, my grandchildren have the opportunity to attend a local private Christian School. And my daughter and her husband are also paying their share of taxes for public school.

HB 339 would be an opportunity to resolve this issue and make opportunities for more parents to make private school education accessible.

I encourage the committee to pass HB 339 out of committee into the house for consideration by the full body.

Thank you for your consideration.

God Bless you all,

Donna Hodge