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Members of the Senate Tax Committee,

I would like to urge you to vote in support of SB 128. In our family, we have made many choices in schooling over the past 20 years for our three children depending on their individual needs, our financial situation, and our schooling options at the time. We have enrolled our kids in public, private, and international schools and have homeschooled them, too. Every year we evaluate the needs of our children and the resources and type of education available at the schools near us. We have made many sacrifices (working multiple jobs) to afford private Christian school, but we as parents feel strongly that the education offered at our kids' current private school is invaluable. They have more opportunities to be challenged academically and they are able to study and learn in a positive and uplifting environment. We appreciate that our children are being taught the values that our family holds dear. We know many families in our area who would love to send their kids to a private school, but the cost keeps them from doing so. Often their children have suffered bullying, difficult classroom environments, and negative peer pressure. If SB 128 passes this would enable many families we know to make the choice that is best for their children and not be so limited by the cost. Thank you for your time and your service to our state.

Sincerely,
Rachel Janzen