

Testimony

House Bill 1343

Finance and Taxation Committee

January 23, 2023

Evan Grove Scholarship Fund

Chairman Headland and members of the Finance and Taxation Committee, my name is Joshua Entzel Jr, and I am a 2022 recipient of the Evan Grove Scholarship. I am in opposition to House Bill 1343 which limits tax credits for charitable gifts to scholarships like the Evan Grove Scholarship Fund.

The Evan Grove Scholarship has provided me the ability to pursue becoming an electrician. With the help of this scholarship, I will be able to work less during my time in college and focus on my grades and degree. To start adulthood off on the right foot my parents have had me save money to pay my own way through college and instill that hard work has results. By paying for my college experience, I will value my education and success more. My goal is to keep my student loan debt to a minimum so I can focus on my career and future versus paying off college loans, and thanks to scholarships like this one it makes it possible for myself and many other students to do the same. Everyone should have the ability to pursue higher education whether it be a simple 2 year degree or a 10 year one. This scholarship provides me with my dream of being an electrician. Allowing me to pursue a growing field of hard working men and women of America.

I would like to see the tax credits continue to be allowed for individuals to give charitably to the causes such as this scholarship.

I urge you to place a do NOT pass recommendation on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.