

To the committee:

I strongly urge you to support SB 2400 because not every child thrives in the same school environment. Public schools are not an option for us as a family because our faith is fundamental to our lives and we, as parents, need to provide an education for our children that goes beyond what is available in the public schools. This is a huge financial sacrifice for us as we spend thousands of dollars per year on tuition over and above the taxes that we pay in support of the local public school. This is fundamentally unfair. As parents, we should not be deprived of the support of a public benefit simply because our faith obliges us to provide an education to our children that is religious. Families are the backbone of this state, and it is time that the state provides equitable support to all students in their education, regardless of which school they attend.

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