

## Testimony against Senate Bill 2400

Dear members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Cam Leedah. I live in rural Leonard. I urge a Do Not Pass on SB 2400.

Whether it be ESAs, vouchers, or “money follows the child”, any taxpayer dollars spent outside of the public schools creates serious issues. Here are a few:

- 1) Bigger government (administration) and greater burden to taxpayers. Arizona and other states with ESAs are running into financial difficulty.
- 2) Accountability follows the money. Private schools and homeschools will eventually be subject to rules and regulations that they currently are not under. They will eventually lose their uniqueness and independence that has made them different from public school.
- 3) Costs for tuition, curriculum, services and programs will rise, as they have in states that have had ESAs and vouchers for more than a few years. This is a burden for the non-public schools and homeschools that do not take the money, and an increasing burden to taxpayers.

Non-public schools and homeschools that use public money become **just a different type of public school**. ESAs do not contribute to true school choice. In the end, the parent is simply deciding which type of public school they want.

Give this bill a Do Not Pass.