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Tax Credit Scholarships

Comment:

Dear Revenue Interim Committee Members, I wholeheartedly support the Tax Credit Scholarship Program and believe that it should be expanded. First of all, the program helps parents afford the cost of sending their special needs children to a school which gives their children the best opportunity for success. It would be shameful if those children were denied the education they deserve because the legislature prevented their parents from keeping some of their own money which they use to educate their children. Secondly, we need to expand the program to provide more private schools to compete with our failing public schools. In many counties, less than half of Montana students read at grade level. Unfortunately, throwing a bundle of cash at our public schools is not the solution. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could make Montana first in the nation in education? I believe the only way to raise the quality of all of the schools is through increased competition. Vastly expanding the Tax Credit Scholarship program will increase competition and improve the education of all students. I look forward to the day when Montana leads the nation in educating our children. Thank you for your consideration.

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