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The Honorable [Name of Representative] OR  
United States House of Representatives  
[No. and Bldg.] House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable [Name of Senator]  
United States Senate  
[No. and Bldg.] Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman [Name]: OR Dear Senator [Name]:

As a member of [Name of Church/School], which is affiliated with the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, I want to urge you to support the Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act (H.R. 1434, S. 634). Support for School Choice is gaining momentum around the country. Tuition tax credits represent an innovative and cost-effective way to improve educational opportunity for many students. They offer a sensible alternative to the typical government response of throwing more money at a problem, and they debunk outdated and invalid arguments that public education is not fully funded or that private schools serve only select students or students from wealthy families.

While our schools are diverse, most of our students come from middle- to lower middle-income homes, and their enrollment in our schools reflects their parents' commitment to their children's education. But the commitment of these parents places a heavy financial burden on their families, which often includes great sacrifice on their part. The scholarship tax-credit would lighten the financial burden on these families.

A scholarship tax-credit also protects the autonomy of private religious schools to continue providing the education in accordance with their mission. By providing financial relief to the parents, a tax credit creates educational options for children without creating a religious entanglement between the government and the church. In addition, a tax credit does not take away from the federal funds designated for public education programs.

Thank you for your service in the Congress and for considering our opinion.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]