



We exist to educate and empower parents in Utah to advocate for their children.

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Dear House Revenue & Tax Committee Members:

The Utah State Constitution recognizes that “a parent has the right, obligation, responsibility, and authority to raise, manage, train, educate, provide and care for...the parent’s children,” and the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares that “Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.”

When acknowledging the natural right of parents to choose the kind of education to be given to their children, alternatives must also be offered to facilitate choice. One system, or form of education, cannot be expected to meet the needs of all families. We are grateful for the Utah Legislature’s commitment to supporting parents in their responsibilities to educate their children and feel the Hope Scholarship will be a tool parents can use when deciding how to best meet the needs of their families.

We are supportive of the Hope Scholarship and ask that the committee give the HB331 a favorable recommendation to offer additional resources to parents as they educate their children.

Sincerely,

The Parents of Utah Parents United

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