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Hello Senators

My name is LeAnn Thomas I'm a Reading School District and Racc allum. I currently reside in the city Reading and have for 40 years. I am here today on behalf of the Kings Academy of Mohrsville to discuss the lifeline scholarship and how it will help provide education to low income families. The scholarship would be very beneficial to my family at this time, I recently stopped working at my full time place of employment due to medical reasons. My income for 2023 will be less, compared to the year prior. My son has been at King Academy since 2021. When we found King's Academy they had everything to offer including Spanish class, Art, Music Gym etc. I truly love the way we are treated at Kings Academy. The staff makes it a point to get to know the children and the families. Kings Academy helped my family with scholarships in the past and continue to help where they are able. My son attended another private school that is in the city we left because we didn't feel he was learning at his full potential. The reason my son hasn't attended public school is due to safety. When I attended the Reading School district it was a different time. Yes, bullying and fighting were around but not like today. I send my son to a private school because they make us feel like family. I will also suggest that by giving King's Academy the scholarship, it will help other families the way they have helped our family by giving other children the chance to experience a great opportunity. Thank you all for taking the time to listen to me.

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