

Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing in opposition to allowing SB 437 to proceed any further towards being passed into law. This is nothing more than a back door voucher program that will take desperately needed funds away from our public school systems and hand it to entities, including religious schools and home school families, which would in no way be accountable to the taxpayers who would be funding them.

Here is what Save Our School Arizona, candidate for AZ state senate Radeem Robinson, and friends from Arizona (where two of my sisters live) had to say when I asked them about the ESA plan in Arizona.

"They (ESAs) in no way, shape or form come even close to covering private school tuition here in the Phoenix valley. The voucher is less than \$6,000 and private schools run anywhere from \$14k and up. So if a family doesn't qualify for other assistance, it's still not accessible."

"There has been fraud in this set up."

"Not sure what home school parents use the money for..."

"The people who passed the bill said it saves parents money. Unfortunately, it does not save all parents money. It saves money for the rich. \$5,000 given to a low income parent like myself does not help me."

Save Our Schools Arizona is currently fighting to repeal the bill in their state.

Please let this bill die. It is not good for Oregon schools.

Sincerely,

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