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Mrs. Teresa Dellicompagni, President
Dr. Robert Moran, Principal
Bishop Shanahan High School
220 Woodbine Road
Downingtown, PA 19335

Dear Mrs. Dellicompagni and Dr. Moran,

I am State Representative Danielle Friel Otten, and I represent House District 155, which includes Bishop Shanahan High School and many of the families in your community. I am also a Catholic school alumna, along with generations of my family. I am writing to you because the letter you sent to your community on June 23 contains a material misrepresentation of House Bill 2632, and I am asking you to correct the record.

Your letter tells Bishop Shanahan families that this legislation would result in approximately 260 students losing their tax credit scholarships. That is not accurate. I ask that you read the bill before sending another communication to your community about it.

Here is what HB 2632 actually does:

The bill modifies the existing EITC and OSTC programs for fiscal year 2027-2028 and beyond. It replaces them with a new Education Options Tax Credit with \$680 million in total credits (exactly the same amount as the current programs), stronger accountability requirements, Auditor General oversight, and public reporting.

Scholarships already awarded are not touched. Students currently receiving support are not affected. The 260 students you referenced are not losing one dollar of scholarship money as a result of this bill.

What the bill does require, going forward, is honesty. It requires that we know who is actually receiving these scholarships, which corporations are benefiting from the tax credits, whether the programs serve the children they are represented to the public as serving, and that the system

operates with the kind of transparency and accountability that every other program serving Pennsylvania's children is required to meet.

I understand that you received the Archbishop's statement and acted on it in good faith. But that statement is also not accurate on the facts, and I have communicated that directly to Archbishop Pérez. What I cannot accept is that families in my district, parents of children currently enrolled at Bishop Shanahan, are being frightened by information that does not reflect what this bill actually does.

The parents who received your letter deserve a correction. I am asking you to send one.

I am also asking you to consider what it means to tell working families that their children's education is at risk when it is not. Those families trust you with their children every single day. That trust deserves accurate information, especially on a question this important.

I represent every family in this district, including many families in the Bishop Shanahan community. I am available to meet with you, to walk through the bill in detail and to answer any questions your community has. I want Bishop Shanahan students to have access to scholarship support. I also want to ensure—and I have a responsibility to ensure—that any scholarship support funded or incentivized through state tax credits is honest, accountable, and designed to serve the children who need it most.

What I will not do is allow my constituents to be misled about legislation I voted for, without saying so clearly and on the record.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Danielle Friel Otten
State Representative
Pennsylvania House District 155

CC: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
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