Earlier this year, we marched to the Capitol as proud members of a bipartisan political coalition that simply wants to give struggling students more tools. We know a painful reality—nearly half of all low-income students read below grade level. And we’re frankly tired of arguing over whether their education is best delivered in a district school, a charter school, an online school or a scholarship school. Parents don’t care. They just want a place that is safe and academically stimulating and helps their children become successful adults.

Antonio Trigo, raised by his grandmother since he was 5, is one such student. He was near failing and constantly in fights before his grandmother put him in a scholarship school in the seventh grade. His turnaround was so profound that by the end of eighth grade he was named valedictorian. Now a sophomore at Miami Union Academy, a small Seventh Day Adventist school with mostly Haitian-American students, Antonio is scoring two years above his grade level on standardized tests and sees college in his future.

We know firsthand how the Tax Credit Scholarship has helped turn around the lives of many underprivileged students, and we urge you both to join the cause.

Will you publicly state that you will protect this learning option and allow more poor children to choose it?