



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS (ESA) LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, 88 years ago, the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens, better known as LULAC, joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since its inception on February 17, 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas, LULAC has championed the cause of Hispanic Americans in education, employment, economic development and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, LULAC has developed a comprehensive set of nationwide programs fostering educational attainment, job training, housing, scholarships, citizenship, and voter registration; and

WHEREAS, LULAC members throughout the nation have developed a tremendous track record of success advancing the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this year, the League of United Latin American Citizens will celebrate eighty-eight years of community service to increase educational opportunities and improve the quality of life for Americans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AZ LULAC Council #1083 OPPOSES any expansion of empowerment scholarship eligibility to all K-12 students. While LULAC supports school choice, we are concerned that the program lacks academic accountability, with no data available to taxpayers and policymakers on the quality of the education students are receiving using taxpayer dollars. Additionally, ESA students receive more state funding per pupil, so any expansion would impact funding available for education. This is especially concerning because districts and charters have not been fully funded under the current formula since the 2008 recession. The Empowerment Scholarships Accounts diverts funds from public education to private education.

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