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Re: Opposition to HB2594

Dear Representative Williams,

I am writing today to oppose HB 2594.

I believe your effort to push this bill is shortsighted and ill-timed and I would ask that you refrain from any further plan to move forward with it.

Abolishing the *Special Education and Related Services Funding Task Force* before it has really had a chance to begin is unwarranted. Kansas schools are in desperate need of significant improvement to their special education services and the knowledge and expertise of the many experienced educational professionals who comprise the committee are vital to that improvement.

There is no need to replace a committee of highly qualified experts already committed to doing the work and who have only had a chance to meet one time but are seemingly headed in a direction that will provide much needed support Kansas Special Education needs to flourish and thrive.

Doing so risks time, resources and most of all, students. Please reconsider moving forward with HB2594.

With much appreciation,

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