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Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

Subject: Support for SB 128

Dear Senate Committee Members:

As the parent of a private Christian education student, I am writing you today to express my support for SB 128.

A strong education begins with partnership between parents and the school in values, beliefs and educational priorities and it is for these reasons our family has chosen to invest in Christian education for our elementary student. All students deserve to be in an educational environment where they feel safe, physically and emotionally, so that they are allowed to excel and meet their full potential. Parents should be active participants in a child's education with their school. Personally, we have a high performing student who needs the advanced academic challenges provided through Christian college preparatory education. Currently he is testing at a 4<sup>th</sup> grade level while in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. In order for him to continue to be successful he needs an environment with small classes, strong discipline and structure and academic challenges to keep him engaged.

We have chosen to invest in education as it is best for our child, but it does add a financial burden to our household. The proposed resolution of SB 128 would provide valuable relief and opportunities for families with students in the state to continue finding the best environment for them to thrive academically, which will make them more confident, successful and responsible citizens.

Thank you for supporting SB 128 to allow the best path forward for our Kansas children.

Sincerely,

Amanda Shield