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Testimony to the House K-12 Budget Committee

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SB 128

OPPONENT

Written Only Testimony

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB128. I raised my daughter in Kansas public school and she received one of the most outstanding educations available in the U.S. I moved here from Houston in 1984 and chose to live in KS versus MO because of the outstanding public schools. Funneling public tax dollars to private and home schools will have a long term negative affect on our KS public schools.

Private schools can CHOOSE their students. Public school is for EVERYONE no matter what their economic, physical or mental situation. ALL CHILDREN DESERVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION PROVIDED BY PUBLIC TAX DOLLARS.

Let's fund EDUCATION FOR ALL using our TAX dollars.

YOUR RURAL voters have little opportunity to make use of these programs as there are few private schools in our rural communities. RURAL Communities will be SUBSIDIZING schools for kids in metropolitan areas! You will hear about this from them as time goes by!

ARE YOU OK with YOUR TAX DOLLARS being used to fund a religious school that you may not agree with...i.e. Muslim; Jewish; Buddhist; Home school of atheist family; etc. Will your constituents be OK with that?

I do not want MY TAX DOLLARS funding ANY religious/private school. I believe in the separation of CHURCH AND STATE.

PUBLIC TAX DOLLARS ARE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLY.

Think about it before you vote for SB128. Thank you for your CAREFUL consideration.

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