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Testimony to the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

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BILL NUMBER: SB 128, Opportunity Tax Credit

PROPONENT, OPPONENT OR NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written Only

Dear Chair and Members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 128.

I am the mother of two daughters in the Shawnee Mission School District. My husband and I graduated from Shawnee Mission Schools. I was involved with the PTA at our elementary school for many years, including 2 years as President. We bought our home in Prairie Village, mere steps away from our elementary school, as it is a thriving community – full of families – and our property value keeps rising. Public schools are important for ALL community members. Our public tax dollars should stay right where they belong – in schools, supporting every student and family and teacher. Our special education students are already being denied vital services due to underfunding; that needs to be addressed and the rest of our students will benefit at the same time. Diverting public money to private schools is harmful for Kansans.

Please vote NO on SB 128.

Thank you for your consideration,

Margaret Lund
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