

The Honorable Kasha Kelley, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kelley

Subject: HB 2289 by House Committee on Education in Opposition

My name is Patricia Welicky of Bonner Springs, Kansas. I am writing (testifying) in the capacity of a concerned citizen. However, I happen to be the Vice President of BSE PTO and into my second year as a school board member of USD 204. I am not a trained lobbyist, just a mom concerned about the state of Kansas attack on Public Education.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA, Director of the Budget for the State of Kansas wrote you (House Committee on Education) regarding HB 2289 for which I am here to elaborate on the implications of said HB 2289. Whereas the House Committee on Education HB 2289 would be prohibit the local school districts from spending funds to implement the common core state standards, I propose the House Committee on Education kill HB 2289. HB 2289 would scrape USD 204 and other local school districts three years of planning and implementing common core standards. Educators in my district and throughout the state have spent considerable time, energy and money and have conducted and received training on common core standards. For the House Committee on Education to introduce such a bill after school districts have spent nearly every waking moment gearing up for full implementation of common core standards , just to pull the rug out at the finish line is unconscionable. I have not had time to come up with the exact figures as to the cost to my district for the money spent on common core standards. I can just tell you in the current climate on funding; USD 204 cannot afford to start all over again. This is not the time to pull the plug on common core standards and according the fiscal note to do so would be costly. I am a not a veteran of the legislature but I am a common sense Kansan, HB 2289 is non-sense.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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