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Testimony before the House Committee on Education  
HB 2289 – An Act Concerning Common Core Standards

Chairwoman Kelley and Members of the House Education Committee:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today. I am speaking in opposition to HB 2289. For the past 12 years, it has been my honor to serve as a member of the Board of Education of Topeka Public Schools, USD 501. For the entire time of my school board service, it has been my pleasure to work alongside our administration, staff, teachers and the Kansas State Department of Education as we collectively have worked diligently to improve the educational experiences for all of our Kansas children. The Kansas State Department of Education has, in my opinion, been a national leader in setting educational standards that have addressed the complicated requirements of No Child Left Behind, but more importantly raising the bar as it relates to the rigor and expectations we have for our students in Kansas.

The common core state standards, adopted in 2010, are yet another example of our State Department of Education working collaboratively for what is best for students. The common core standards were created by multiple states' education agencies and had input by educators, including educators in Kansas. The common core standards were created to better prepare students to be globally competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and are an integral part of school to career initiatives to ensure all of our students are prepared to be productive members of society.

The Kansas State Department of Education, under the direction of the duly elected Kansas State Board of Education, implemented the standards after much research and deliberation. As an elected local school board member, I trust the State Board of Education to keep Kansas on the leading edge of public education and I have not been disappointed. Please leave the curriculum decisions to those constitutionally elected to do so. Please vote no on HB 2289.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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