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Chair Williams and members of the committee:

As a product of KS public schools and a parent who moved back to KS in order to send my children to our local public schools, I strongly oppose this bill. A strong public education is a foundation of our local communities and adds both tangible and intangible value to taxpayers and homeowners. Diverting taxpayer funds from our public schools to private schools undercuts that foundation; defunding our public schools creates an unfair system and weakens education for everyone. Kansas taxpayers do not necessarily get a direct benefit from every penny of their taxes but that does not mean that they should be allowed to be a part of creating a two-tier education system that will hurt the public educations system, hurting our kids and our communities in the process.

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