HB 2550 OPPONENT testimony Written Only

Chair Williams and members of the committee:

As a retired public school teacher and a strong believer in the role of public educations for a strong democracy, I oppose this bill for many reasons. Taxpayer funds should NOT be diverted from our public schools to private schools. Private schools do not have the same accountability standards as public schools. The public schools accept all students while private schools (which often have a religious component) can choose their students. Additionally, this is unfair to Kansas taxpayers and would create a two-tier education system that may benefit some students while hurting the majority of students.

The legislature should be supporting our public schools, not trying to undermine them!

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