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HB 2550 OPPONENT Testimony

Chari Williams and Members of the Committee:

I oppose this proposed bill, mainly because it diverts taxpayer funds from our public schools to private schools. Private schools do not have the same accountability standards as public schools. 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.

I am not an educator but have been able to take pride in the PUBLIC education my children have received in our Kansas schools. If parents choose to send their children to a private school that does not have the same regulatory requirements, they can pay for it. Taxpayer monies should not be spent on private endeavors. Parents in Kansas already have "school choice" and diverting funding from public schools does not serve the greater good.

Respectfully,
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