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Chair Williams and members of the committee,

I oppose HB2550 for many reasons. I believe bills like this will have a detrimental impact on our public school funding process in Kansas if implemented.

While bills like this might help a select few, I have a big problem with the fact that private schools can pick and choose who they allow to attend their institutions. I take issue with private schools being allowed to use tax payer dollars to provide aid, and feel that if they would like to offer assistance to underserved student populations, they should do so through philanthropic efforts, or through a combination of funding received from charitable efforts and their tuition charges to those who are able to afford to send their children to their school.

I also take issue with the lack of oversight required for the institutions that benefit from this bill, and their accountability standards are at a different set level from our public schools.

Thank you for your time.

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