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Chair Williams and committee:

I oppose this bill for many reasons, 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 further emphasize a two-tier education system that benefits the few while hurting the majority of students.

My public education was invaluable. I hope that you can see how much is an asset the public education system in Kansas is for our children and youth.

Sincerely,

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