

**HB – 2199 – Proponent Testimony of Phillip Cosby, American Family Action of Kansas and Missouri. February 2015**

Chairman Highland and members of the House Education Committee. I support HB 2199, an act concerning health and human sexuality education.

The sexualization of our culture and early sexualization of children is pervasive. Hardees sell hamburgers with sex during episodes of Dora the Explorer. Sports Illustrated magazine covers, the S & M celebrated in '50 Shades of Grey... sex sells. The attention and distraction it commands is burdensome. Not only as a health and public safety concern but increasingly a distraction to good education and character formation.

Two years ago, in a recent legislative session, after many years of uncertainty you and the KNEA did agree that the filtering of school computers was good public policy. The past harsh words of chilling, censorship and book burning finally dissipated as the realities of harm were becoming evident.

Last year we got a glimpse of a federally approved sex education curriculum that grated the Kansans sense of "community standard" relative to obscenity and materials harmful to minors. A thumbnail sketch was captured in the "feelings" poster (attached). Last weeks news was a middle school teacher passing out a "50 Shades of Grey" crossword puzzle with "bondage" "handcuffs" "erotic" "spanking", etc...

This bill is an opportunity to engage parents into this process in a positive way. Not many in this room experienced "the talk" from our parents. But make no mistake this vacuum is being filled with hyper sexualized cyber images, mobile technologies, commercials, sitcoms, Hollywood and a new federal program portraying their brand of what is healthy sexuality. The education system is overwhelmed with these distractions and we need parents to reengage on what makes for a healthy sexuality.

Auto Theft 5. One billion dollars in sales in the first three days. Prostitutes reward with power replenishment and the murder of that prostitute will reward the player. The world isn't changing, it has changed. The predatory sex business is cashing in on indifference by way of denial, desensitization or despair.

The sunshine of parents being involved will help schools as they positively influence formative minds. PM Cameron and the British Parliament are engaged in solutions due to child on child crime as they reenact sexually violent scenes.

Someone needs to be the adult. Invite the parents in; help them help partner and impact our education climate.

Thank You,

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