

February 9, 2023

Testimony to the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

Kerry Adam

Resident of the Blue Valley School District

Bill Number: SB 128, Opportunity Tax Credit

Opponent

Written Only Testimony

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 128.

My family lives in the Blue Valley district. Although my kids attended private school, I am strongly opposed to any tax credits and vouchers being discussed. Can we please stop taking money from public schools and diverting them to “private” schools. We all know Kansas has been known for strong public schools, which is why so many people choose to live in Kansas versus Missouri. I do not understand why we are trying to change things.

Based on the bill as written, to qualify as a school under a non-accredited category, the “school” only need be registered with the Kansas State Department of education; so seems like that is a recipe for disaster. There are multiple tax credits, therefore a family with three children can receive a credit of over \$15,000. We are talking way too much money being taken from public schools. This is not in the best interest of the children, the teachers or Kansas residents.

Please vote NO on bill SB 128.

Kerry Adam

Overland Park, KS