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To: [House Education](#)
Subject: House Bill 2136
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Re: House Bill 2136

My name is Joan Jacobson

I am a resident of Overland Park Kansas. Both of our children attended public schools, and I am a former high school teacher and school counselor of 30 years in the Shawnee Mission School District.

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I oppose passage of House Bill 2136

Written testimony

Hearing February 5, 2025

Chair & Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill number HB 2136

Having worked the majority of my life in public schools, I am well acquainted with the importance of maintaining the highest financial support of these institutions. Families whose children attend these schools know the high degree of competence of the professional staff, and the continual scrutiny of the educational goals and content of every class that public school students attend. The availability of classes for those students who require additional support in special education is a valuable asset that private schools often do not have available to their students. Also, private schools do not require their professional staff to have the strict degree requirements demanded by public schools. Moneys taken away from public education robs students of the benefits the breadth and depth this education can provide. Attending school with a larger and greater variety of students enriches them and makes them better citizens. Please oppose HB 2136, which provides financial support for those who chose not to partake in the many benefits a public school education affords our children.

Please vote NO on HB 2136

Joan Jacobson

Former public school educator of 30 years

Overland Park, KS