Testimony to the House Committee on Education Lynnette Krieger-Zook Parent/Grandparent USD 259 USD 308 USD 313 USD 266 Retired Public School Special Education Teacher kriegzook@gmail.com Bill HB 2136 OPPONENT WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY DATE OF HEARING: February 5, 2025

Chair Estes & Members of the Committee,

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

The Tax Credit Scholarship program currently exists. This new proposal significantly increases tax credit for donors to 100% and increases the program cap up from \$10 million to \$20 million, doubling the program cost. This increase is a blatant increase for corporations and wealthy for tax avoidance. This new bill would further erode Kansas tax revenue and place the burden on our middle and lower income taxpayers.

In closing I am asking you to vote NO on bill HB 2136. The current bill provides a tax credit, is designed specifically for family income of 250% of federal poverty level and addresses students who were in low performing public schools to attend a private school. The current bill guidelines still provide for many current students.

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