

Testimony to the House Committee on Education

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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,
I am writing to voice my opposition to bill number HB 2136.

I am a graduate of Kansas public schools, I am a parent of a current public school student. I believe public schools have rigorous and appropriate standards of education. My daughter goes to a top 20 ranked school. I do not agree with giving taxpayer money to private schools. I do not endorse shelling out tax funding to un-accredited, un-supervised homeschool rackets or religious co-ops without any oversight. Kansas is currently ranked 19th in education. If this bill only hurts schools and cuts budgets, there is no benefit.

The evidence of school voucher programs in lowest ranking education programs of Oklahoma (ranked 49th!), do not create academic achievement. They do not support special education funding, they do not provide equitable standards or success. Vouchers literally de-fund public schools.

I firmly ask you to vote no on bill HB 2136. It's not good for Kansas students.

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