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Chair Estes & Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill number HB 2136. As an Andover Public School parent and a private school alumnus, I am adamant that tax dollars stay with our public institutions.

I understand how school vouchers sound like a great opportunity for Kansas students, but without proper limitations set within the program, they will not achieve their proposed benefits. Any economist can tell you what happens when you give a set of consumers an injection of funds, prices go up. Just ask parents in North Carolina. So now families who have always paid for private schools will continue paying basically the same, but public school dollars will be flowing to private institutions, many of which are affiliated with religious organizations. This flies in the face of separation of church and state.

Public schools are required to accept and accommodate all students within their district. Private schools do not have this same requirement. This means tax dollars would be funding institutions that aren't available to all. Also, what about all the children who do not live near any private schools, but their local school is being drained of funds at their expense

Again, I'm asking you to please vote NO on HB 2136. It is not good for Kansas kids!

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