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Kansas House Education Committee,

I am a parent of a middle school student in the Olathe school district. This email serves as a letter of testimony for your Education Committee hearing regarding HB2099.

My wife and I urge all members of the House Education Committee to reject HB2099. As parents, we are fully engaged in the education of our child. Not only do we want to follow her class curriculum, we must be the ones to make decisions on whether she participates in any data collection activities and surveys.

SB367 enacted last year empowers the parents in our public education system. Parents should be informed about any collection of their child's data, however prior to SB367 parents more often than not learned about any survey activity after the fact. Instead, SB367 now requires parents to opt in which is the most decent and respectful step to gathering our child's data. Parents have the right to refuse their child's participation for any reason --- we simply must be informed in advance.

Sincerely,

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