

To the Honorable Ron Highland, Chair of the Education Committee,

As a parent of a child soon to be school age, I have read articles and watched videos of testimony and examples of common core and am appalled that the State of Kansas was willing to sell our children's privacy and education for the sake of federal money.

As a person who learned some subjects differently than how it was taught, I understand that each student is an individual who has unique skills for learning, and forcing a new standard that goes against common sense for learning only serves to reduce the quality of education and create non-critical thinkers who can learn to problem solve in various ways.

Although we had already made the decision to Homeschool our children, the introduction of Common Core merely solidified our desire to do so. Each of our oldest two children learns in a completely different manner than the other, so there is no one-size way to teach each of them the exact same information, and no government entity can make the determination on the best way for each child to learn.

The Federal Government has no business in public education. The state doesn't either, but given that Kansas or any other state is not willing to get out of public education any time soon, HB2292 at least returns control of Kansas education back to the state. Simply by eliminating the \$800 million that's being spent to fund common core, we can put that money back into state education so that we don't need the Feds to give us money that was already ours.

Respectfully,
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