

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

I want you to know that I want Common Core out of KS because it is just another of the Federal Government's attempt to control public education that has resulted in nothing good for KS citizens. Common Core was designed as a one-size-fits-all approach to education which removes local control. The population of KS is different from the east or west coast and education in KS should be a reflection of who we are and what our needs are here. KS was lured into accepting Common Core with the promise of a federal grant which KS never received and it costs over \$800 million per year to maintain. Common Core also invades personal data on KS students and their families and creates a record on them which will follow students throughout their school career and beyond. This is done without their consent or a parent's or guardian's consent.

A good and welcome alternative is **HB 2292, The Local Control of Kansas Education Act**. It will allow KS to once again have control over its schools. It would put parent's and guardian's back in control of private information. It would protect teachers by having their evaluations and pay be based on state assessments. It would completely repeal Common Core and its required tests. Control of education for KS would remain in KS where it belongs.

Thank you for your time in reading my remarks,

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