

HB2292 Proponent Written Testimony of Mrs. Karla Parsons, 19 February 2015

To the Honorable Ron Highland, Chair of the Education Committee and members of the Education Committee:

I am a parent and grandparent of current students or graduates of K-12 public schools in Kansas, and I have become very worried about K-12 education in Kansas.

As I have continued to educate myself beyond my college degree and post graduate studies, I have come to the conclusion that many others have: the founders of our nation never believed that education should be the responsibility of the federal government, and for the most part of our history, Americans also believed that their children's education was their responsibility.

Here in Kansas we have the opportunity to stop this encroachment of the federal government and resume **our** responsibility to educate our children and grandchildren by passing HB 2292 to give control of our student's education back to the local level where the parents can resume their responsibility. This is essential because when parents are not responsible for their children's education we will continue to see the decline of our society. The most basic unit of society is the family where parents are responsible for raising their children to be a functional part of the society. As children grow up in a family where parents do not take responsibility in their children's education, the parents have abdicated the greatest portion of their responsibilities in raising their children. The children that grow up in these families are usually the ones who become a burden to society because they have not been taught responsibility or had it modeled. These children are learning in these government "Public" schools that their parents' responsibility for them or authority over them is subject to whomever the government designates as the authority. And unfortunately, the states that are implementing Common Core now have unconstitutional authority over private schools and homeschools.

There are many reasons to support HB 2292 and others will expound upon those many very good reasons such as Common Core's high cost, sensitive student data released without parent's consent, and no room for diversity other than what Common Core standards mandate to be taught – this is especially troublesome in the area of Sex Education where the majority of students are growing up in Faiths that hold to beliefs that are counter to the Common Core standards.

Respectfully submitted,

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