

Melissa Ragland
Parent and resident in the SMSD
SB 128, Opportunity Tax Credit
Opponent

Dear Chair and members of this committee, I am writing to express my opposition to SB 128.

I have sent 4 children through the outstanding public school system in the Shawnee Mission District. I firmly believe that our outstanding public schools are the main driver for many residents and businesses to choose to locate in a city or county. I have witnessed firsthand the quality education that our public schools provide for our students, and why many young adults choose to remain, or move back to raise their children.

Public schools are tasked with providing an equitable and accessible education for ALL students, irrespective of ability to pay, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation or ability. It is essential to keep our tax dollars invested in public school funding, not underwriting historically poorly performing for-profit charter schools, or religious institutions.

Please VOTE NO on SB 128. Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Melissa Ragland Prairie Village