

Senate Bill 128

Proponent written testimony

My name is Jane THIER. I am a grandmother of 3 here in Wichita, Kansas. I am a certified teacher as well. During CoVid 19 when the schools closed, I became the sole overseer of my granddaughter. As she was trying to complete the work online with her public school teachers, I became somewhat alarmed as to the LACK of significance of content in said online school. Honestly, it was a waste of her time as well as mine supervising her from the kitchen table. I can honestly say that this 3rd grader learned nothing at all after Governor Kelley closed the schools. We decided to opt out of online public school my granddaughter's 4th grade year. I homeschooled her to get her back on grade level and she flourished.

I am writing to let you know and to plead with you to consider this bill (SB 128) very seriously. My other two granddaughters are now school age and the parents would really like to send them to private church school. I think money following a student is going to be something that may cause the public school system to re-evaluate and possibly do a bit of restructuring to make it more competitive, which would be a welcome thing for everyone.

Thank you for reading and taking "we the people's " wants and needs into consideration.

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