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Testimony to the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 128.

As a parent in the Olathe School District, I urge you to vote no on bill SB 128. Our public tax dollars should stay with our public schools that serve all children, regardless of need. Kansas has long been known for our award-winning public schools across the state and diverting public funds away from our schools will be detrimental to our students and schools. As I'm sure you're aware, families often move across the state line to Kansas just to have access to and attend our public schools. I do not think our public tax dollars should subsidize well-off families who choose to send their children to private or religious institutions with limited oversight. Our nation's greatness is built on free public schools that serve ALL students.

Instead of the Opportunity Tax Credit, please stay focused on our public schools that educate 90% of Kansas kids. Our tax dollars should be used to fully fund special education.

Please vote NO on Bill SB 128.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Carter

Concerned Parent

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