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I am writing to voice my strong opposition to HB 2612.

My understanding is that HB 2612 would remove accreditation from public schools who are not in compliance with all state laws and rules and regulations.

With all of the anti-DEI bills being introduced nationwide, I can only infer that this bill is a precursor to any such future law here in Kansas.

The thought that my child's educational future could be jeopardized if they are taught a true version of American history is astonishingly disappointing to me.

My biracial children attend public schools in Kansas and I very much value and feel gratitude for the education they are both receiving. It is important to us as a family that our children learn true history. There are so many important American stories that I was denied in my own public school upbringing and I feel cheated as an adult when I learn of yet another important moment in American history that was never told to my generation in school because it was uncomfortable.

We all make mistakes and we are teaching our children that we have pride in them when they own their mistakes and learn and grow from them. I want my children to have pride in their country in the same way.

Please do not negatively impact our children's education by voting in favor of this bill.

Thank you.

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