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**Opponent Testimony for SB 350**
Senate Committee on Education
Cathy Hopkins and Beryl New, Legislative Liaisons
Kansas State Board of Education

Chair Erickson and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony regarding Senate Bill 350 related to school owned devices.

The State Board of Education has prioritized gaining information on school owned device use in school districts, including reviewing data on its use and reviewing school district policies on school owned devices. While the State Board of Education recognizes the need to evaluate student use of school owned electronic devices, the use of instructional technology is deeply embedded in schools' day-to-day practices and in required statewide assessments and screeners. The State Board supports the Legislature's emphasis on the importance of this topic but believes that it would be best accomplished with district participation and through approaches that fit each school district's unique needs.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our testimony,

Cathy Hopkins and Beryl New