Chairwoman Erickson and Committee Members,

I am Debbie Detmer of Shawnee. I am a proponent on Sb 350.

We are in definite need to limit school-issued electronic devices. This bill addresses that. Parental authority over what our children access is most important.

There are times when technology is a plus like during the catastrophic choice of closed schools. I've grown skeptical about this current digital revolution because of how these tools reshape students' bodies and their relation to the world around them. Young people are not viewed as complete human beings but as boxes checked for attendance, for meeting academic progress metrics, or for confirming their location within a school building. Nearly every action that students perform in schools – whether it's logging onto devices, accessing buildings, or sharing content though their private online lives- is noticed and recorded. (reference to Stanford report}

Children in schools have become disembodied from their minds and their hearts. Thus, one of the greatest and most implicit lessons that kids learn in schools today is that they must sacrifice in order to participate in conventional, civic, society.

Creating authentic learning experiences with students that focus on social and cognitive challenges. We must return books in hand, paper, and pencil. Face to face learning. This enhances learning through deeper, tactile engagement, improves memory retention, and eliminates digital distractions. Handwriting boosts cognitive development, while in-person instruction provides necessary true social-emotional development and reduces screen fatigue.

Please, pass out sb 350 favorably.

Sincerely yours,

Debbie Detmer