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Written Testimony to House Education Budget Committee
Honorable Chair, Representative Adam Thomas
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Room 286-N, State Capitol Building

Neutral with Encouragement [House Bill 2238](#) – KSHSAA bill
Hearing: Monday, February 13, 2023, 1:30 PM Room 218-N

Honorable Chairman Thomas and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HB 2238 – KSHSAA participation rules. The bill appears to conflict with the mission and beliefs of KSHSAA. The Kansas PTA is opposed to this bill, in alignment with our [Legislative Priority 1](#).

Kansas PTA recognizes the authority of the KSHSAA Board, which includes students. We share the belief that “the KSHSAA is the recognized state authority on interscholastic activity programs” ([KSHSAA, 2021-2023](#)). This bill conflicts with existing KSHSAA participation rules and challenges the authority of member school representatives to navigate issues of fairness and equity across the state.

On behalf of the parents, teachers, and patrons of the Kansas PTA, we support the work of the KSHSAA Board and stand opposed to HB 2238. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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THE PTA POSITION

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