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Chairperson Thomas, members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2641.

Kansas NEA does not wish to weigh in on the merits of whether privately owned electronic communication devices should be allowed to be used during school hours.

Our opposition to HB 2641 is based solely on the issue of local control. This issue, like many other issues, warrants a full discussion and should be addressed. With that in mind, Kansas NEA strongly believes that this issue should be addressed at the local level and that this bill would be an overreach by the legislature.

We ask that the committee oppose HB 2641.