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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you today to urge you to vote NO on HB 2612. This bill only applies to public school districts, not private or voucher schools, which is absolutely ridiculous!

My daughter attends public school and is on an IEP as she has been diagnosed with Dyslexia. Last year House Bill 2322 updated Special Education to include dyslexia as a disability covered. What is alarming is that the Kansas Legislature refuses to fully fund Special Education in Kansas even though they are federally required to do so. Public schools are already severally strapped with funding for SPED, teachers to assist with SPED and I believe this is an attempt to further punish public schools in their testing scores as public schools can't cherry pick students and have to accept everyone. State standardized testing doesn't account for additional time in testing as instructed by the IEP, but those scores can further hurt public schools. Now HB 2612 attempts to further hurt our public schools and strip accreditations!

The attacks on public education by this legislature are infuriating! I watch each vote on education and vote against those who intentionally try to sabotage our public schools and set up devious plans to aid in failing our public schools.

Please vote NO on HB 2612. A yes vote will signal you don't believe in public education and don't value that all children in the state have a right to a good education and an accredited school.

Thank you,

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