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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill number HB 2136.

It is not the job of the state to provide funding for private schools. The state's job is to provide a high quality public education system that all Kansans have equal access to. If citizens then CHOOSE to not utilize that system which has been offered to them, that is their choice; but it is not the responsibility of the state to compensate them for that choice. We should be leading the nation in public schools, we need to divert MORE money into educating our future leaders, not less.

In closing, I ask that you vote no on bill HB 2136. Save our public schools, improve our public schools, help us build up Kansas' future leaders and make this a place they want to stay and raise their families.

Best regards,

Amanda Chappell, concerned parent & public school proponent

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