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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: written testimony

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Chair Estes & Members of the Committee,

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

As a Kansas taxpayer, former full-time Kansas public school teacher, parent of Kansas public school educated children and a current Kansas public school substitute teacher, I am writing to express my FIRM opposition to HB 2136. The thought that my tax dollars, paid by my family's hard work, will go to funding private school vouchers is incomprehensible. The church I attend has a private day school associated with it. I love my church and the day school, however, never sent my children there as the cost was out of reach for us AND we had wonderful public schools in our neighborhood for our children to attend. The parents who send their children to this school can either easily afford to do so OR have chosen to make a private school their priority and made room in their budget for that. I love that we have that choice. To think that I would be asked to help them fund their child's private education is something I hope to never be asked to do. That is their responsibility.

Please vote NO on HB 2135

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