

Testimony to the House Committee on Education

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

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Chair Estes & Members of the Committee,

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

As a parent of a 3rd grader and Pre-K student, I am very concerned about the negative impact this bill would have on our state's public education system. Our tiny town of Madison, KS has only 1 public school. There is no school choice here. We need all of our public resources to be invested into the public schools that serve the community and students in our town and other small, rural Kansas communities like ours.

I urge you to reject bill number HB 2136 and instead prioritize funding and policies that support and improve public education. Please stand with our students, teachers, and communities by ensuring that public tax dollars remain dedicated to public schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to serving our state and hope you will oppose this harmful legislation.

Jennifer Fankhauser

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