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Proponent Testimony on Senate Bill HB 2468 (Written-Only Testimony)

Scholarship Tax Credits

House Education Committee

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Chairwoman Estes and members of committee,

Thank you for allowing us to submit testimony **in support of House Bill 2468**

Aligned is a nonpartisan, nonprofit coalition of business, education, and community leaders working across Kansas to ensure every child has access to a high-quality education that meets their individual needs. We evaluate legislation through a child-centered lens and support policies that expand opportunity, empower families, and strengthen outcomes for students.

Aligned supports House Bill 2468 because it expands educational choice and provides families, particularly low-income families, with more options to select the learning environment that best fits their child.

HB 2468 allows Kansas to participate in a new federal tax credit for donations to scholarship granting organizations while also strengthening the state's existing Low Income Students Scholarship Program. Together, these changes increase the pool of private dollars available for student scholarships without diverting funds from public schools. The bill leverages private investment to expand opportunities and gives families greater flexibility to make decisions in the best interest of their children.

For many families, especially those with limited financial means, educational options can feel constrained by zip code, school capacity, or a lack of specialized support. Scholarship programs supported by HB 2468 help address these barriers by giving parents additional tools to choose schools that align with their child's academic, social, or developmental needs. This bill recognizes that families are best positioned to understand what environment will help their children succeed.

Aligned believes that expanding high quality options for students is not an either or proposition. Supporting parental choice and strengthening public education can and should happen together. HB 2468 reflects that balance by empowering families, encouraging private investment in education, and prioritizing student opportunities.

For these reasons, **Aligned respectfully urges the Committee to support House Bill 2468.**

Thank you,

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