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Written Proponent Testimony in Support of HB 2468

Dear Charwoman Estes and Members of the Kansas House Education Committee,

Chairwoman Estes and members of the Kansas House Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2468, legislation that raises the cap on the Low-Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program and allows Kansas to participate in the federal tax credit program.

The Low-Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program is an effective tool we have to ensure access, stability, and educational success for low-income families.

At Hayden we focus on the education of the whole person, this program allows families to choose an educational environment that best supports their child's academic and social development. For many families we serve, the scholarship is not a matter of preference—it is the determining factor.

HB 2468 will responsibly expand access by raising the tax credit cap and positioning Kansas to participate in the federal tax credit program. These changes strengthen educational opportunity across public, private, and religious schools and reflect a thoughtful approach to meeting diverse student needs statewide. Opting in would provide more opportunities for Kansas students- regardless of their enrollment location- public, private, religious.

This legislation supports families, respects local leadership, and prioritizes student success. For these reasons, I support HB 2468 and respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
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