

Testimony before the
House Education Committee
On
HB 2468

Electing to participate in federal tax credit for individual contributions to scholarship granting organizations.

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Chair Estes and members of the House Education committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present opposition testimony on HB 2468. USA Kansas appears in opposition for the following reasons.

1. Shifts public funds toward private school scholarships. This is just another form of vouchers.
2. There is little to no accountability. Private schools receiving funds from Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO's) are not held to the same performance standards as public schools.
3. The bill does not ensure equitable access for students with disabilities, English language learners, or at-risk populations.
4. The bill offers benefits to donors, even though the program is aimed to benefit low-income students there is no guarantee to support low-income students that are not in private schools.
5. Commits Kansas to a federal program with uncertain future rules. This is a new and untested federal tax program. Federal guidance, enforcement may change over time. Legislators should proceed with caution when tying the state to a new federal policy.
6. Before expanding tax credit programs, Kansas should invest in schools that serve all students.

For these reasons I urge the committee to oppose HB 2468.