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**Opponent Testimony for House Bill 2468**  
House Committee on Education  
Cathy Hopkins and Beryl New, Legislative Liaisons  
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Chair Estes and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony regarding House Bill 2468 on behalf of the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education voted to prioritize only using public funds for public schools in the Board's 2026 Legislative Priorities. House Bill 2486 is counter to this priority by providing funding that would otherwise be available for public schools to families that choose to enroll their children in private schools.

Based on the November Consensus estimates, the State of Kansas is currently out spending its revenues. By adding new tax credits and raising the limits on existing tax credits, the legislature is diverting potential tax proceeds that could be used to meet its obligation to public school students.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our testimony,

Cathy Hopkins

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