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House Education Committee

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OPPONENT

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Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opposition to bill 2468.

The original intent of the Tax Credit Scholarship voucher program was to provide private school tuition vouchers for low-income, at-risk students. Although less than 1% of the eligible low-income students in Kansas have been granted scholarships from private schools through the program. Because private schools can pick and choose which students to admit, under the expanded income limits they can more easily skip over at-risk kids and provide scholarships to kids who better fit their admission criteria.

Expansion of this program is not needed.

Public dollars belong with our public schools that educate all children. Expanding this program reduces the state budget and undermines the state's ability to adequately fund Kansas public schools.

Education funds should go towards fully funding special education, not subsidizing private schools that can pick and choose which students they are willing to educate.

Expanding this program will continue to put low-income, at-risk kids at a disadvantage as they continue to be skipped over in favor of students who better fit private school admission criteria.

We should not be expanding a program that provides no accountability for our tax dollars. There are no requirements within the program to collect data or measure the progress of students receiving scholarships.

The legislature has been asking the federal government to fully fund their share of special education. We should not opt into a program that will direct federal dollars to private schools while knowing the federal government is not meeting its obligation to fund special education.

Please vote no on bill number HB 2468.

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