

Kylie Kilmer  
Regarding HB2468  
January 17, 2026

Dear Education Committee,

My name is Kylie Kilmer, and I am a homeschooling parent and public school advocate. Our family homeschooled our oldest child from kindergarten to second grade, and it's possible we may consider homeschooling again for our children who are not yet school age.

I oppose HB2468.

My background as a homeschooling parent and public educator is complex and deeply personal. Our family has always strived to forge a path forward that best fits our individual needs, and we respect the choices that families have when it comes to educating their children.

This bill would be devastating to rural schools, who are already facing hardships, consolidations, and staffing shortages. As a graduate of public schools, this bill would have done nothing helpful to support families in the rural district I grew up in. Homeschool families were limited as most of us grew up in households with two working parents to make ends meet in blue collar and low-wage work. The tax credit is not enough to make up the difference for a working parents to stay home to provide the education. Private schools were not an option, and the nearest private school to my hometown was 40 minutes away in one direction with no transportation options.

Kansas is a destination state for homeschooling families due to parents' current freedom to educate their children in the best way they see fit without proving teaching credentials, annual reporting, or testing requirements. As a homeschool parent, it is incredibly concerning that the government is inserting themselves into the homeschool sphere, which has historically been independent from governmental oversight. This bill should concern all homeschool parents that their education is now under the purview of the state and federal government, and potentially risks much more scrutiny and oversight with reporting measures to track waste, abuse, and fraud through these educational tax credits. Where there is free money, there is (or will be) government oversight.

For these reasons, I oppose HB2468. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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