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Bill HB 2468 Opponent

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Chair & Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2468.

As a public school graduate, I'm disappointed to learn the Kansas legislature is once again considering defunding public schools with vouchers. Many facilities already struggle financially to fund our children's education. Expanding this program reduces the state budget and undermines the state's ability to adequately fund Kansas public schools. This bill would be detrimental to our kids and local communities.

Offering equitable education to all students is possible through proper funding. However, vouchers put our overtaxed public schools in a perilous position. Many of which are critical to the survival of our small, rural communities.

Robust public education is one of the things that has made Kansans great. Investing in our children is not only the right thing to do. It also sets our country up for success by developing the next generation of leaders and innovators.

In closing, please vote no on bill HB 2468.

Sincerely,

Lane Odle
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