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Chair Estes and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice opposition to HB 2468.

I am a Kansas parent of two public school students, one of whom has an IEP. I see firsthand how stretched our schools already are in providing special education services. Our educators do an amazing job with the resources they have, but we cannot continue to take funding away and expect them to do more. If we truly value teachers and education, we must support them; not strip resources from the schools that serve our children.

Public education dollars belong in our public schools, which are required to educate every child. Diverting these funds weakens the state's ability to adequately support classrooms, educators, and students across Kansas.

Education funding should prioritize fully funding special education, not subsidizing private schools that can pick and choose which students they are willing to serve. Expanding voucher-style programs continues to disadvantage low-income and at-risk students who are too often passed over in favor of those who better fit private school admission criteria.

Finally, this program lacks accountability. There are no meaningful requirements to track outcomes or measure student progress, leaving taxpayers without assurance that public dollars are being used effectively.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 2468.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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