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**Testimony to the House Education Committee**

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**OPPONENT**  
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Chair Estes and members of the committee,

As a parent and grandmother, I respectfully oppose HB 2420 because it risks causing real harm to vulnerable children. In some situations, a student may seek school-based mental health support precisely because a parent is reactive, unsafe, or part of the problem the child is facing.

Requiring parental consent in all cases could deter children from seeking help and may expose them to further emotional or physical abuse. Kansas already has laws in place to address the most serious circumstances involving child welfare, making this bill an unnecessary and potentially dangerous overreach.

Our responsibility as legislators should be to protect children first. I urge you to consider those who would be harmed by this bill.  
For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote against HB 2024.

Thank you,  
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