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House Bill 2487  
Oral Testimony – **Support**  
House Committee on Education  
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Chairperson Estes, members of the Committee:

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 2487.**

Kansas NEA is a member-driven organization representing nearly 22,000 educators across the state of Kansas. Our members are organized into more than 275 local associations and work in schools and communities across nearly all 105 Kansas counties, serving students in urban, suburban, and rural districts alike.

The positions we advocate for are proposed, debated, and adopted by hundreds of educators selected by their peers to attend our annual Representative Assembly, reflecting the collective voice of education professionals of all political parties, beliefs, and backgrounds who are united by a commitment to Kansas public schools and the students they serve.

### **Support for the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Program**

KNEA supports HB 2487 because it strengthens access to postsecondary education for students whose families are already serving Kansas schools. Recognizing the role educators play in supporting students and communities aligns with the intent of the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Program.

### **Request to Include All Classified School Personnel**

As the Committee considers this bill, KNEA would ask that it be written to include all classified school personnel. This would include extending eligibility to other essential school employees such as secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, and food service staff who are critical to the daily operation of Kansas schools.

**Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2487.**