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HB2428 Freedom from Indoctrination Act

Position: Opponent

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Thank you Chairwoman Estes and the Education Committee,

I am writing today as a concerned citizen, veteran, registered nurse and educator in opposition to HB 2428.

I have been a nurse educator for fifteen years and a clinical nurse educator for over 25 years. Accreditation of hospitals and nursing education programs is a long-standing method to demonstrate program excellence. HB 2428 explicitly prohibits the teaching of multiple nursing concepts required for basic nursing practice that are required for program accreditation. The American Association of Colleges for Nursing (AACN) is the organization responsible for nursing school accreditation and lists diversity, equity and inclusion as a key concept for nursing education. (see [Nursing Essentials](#)) Loss of accreditation would harm the reputation of Kansas nursing schools which would result in decreases in both student enrollment and recruitment of nursing faculty. Kansas is already struggling with a nursing and faculty shortage, and the passage of this bill would only compound this urgent issue.

I mention in my introduction that I am veteran. I served over 6 years active duty in the US Navy Nurse Corps and spent another 6 years as a reservist defending our country's freedom. Despite its name, HB 2428 has nothing to do with freedom. By limiting what can and cannot be taught in higher education, this proposed bill violates the fundamental tenants of academic freedom.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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