



Kansas Family Voice Testimony in Support of H.B. 2510
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Chairwoman Estes and members of the committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney and the President of Kansas Family Voice. We represent thousands of members in Kansas who are concerned about ensuring that school board members are free to choose how their dollars are used.

HB 2510 does several key things:

- 1) directs each school district board of education to allocate membership-association dues to individual board members, rather than paying them as a collective district expense;
- 2) prohibits the district from paying dues for any board member who opts not to join a given membership association;
- 3) ends the practice of automatically using district funds to pay for board-member association dues;
- 4) ensures individual choice and financial transparency regarding board-member participation in external associations.

It is in accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court case in *Janus* that held that a union violated the free speech rights of nonmembers by compelling them to subsidize advocacy and banned the practice of compelling agency fees from employees.¹ The Supreme Court has made clear that government cannot compel individuals to subsidize political advocacy. When districts pay association dues on behalf of all board members, they risk violating the *Janus* standard. HB 2510 simply ensures that membership is voluntary and that no board member is forced to fund speech they do not support.

It is all about the choice of each board member. They should get to decide which associations align with their values and priorities. It is politically neutral. It protects the viewpoints of all members.

If a district pays dues to an association that actively lobbies the Legislature, it can create the appearance that taxpayer dollars are funding political advocacy—often against their own interest or beliefs. Each board member can choose the resources and training that best fit their community, not a statewide template.

¹ *Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31*, 585 U.S. 878 (2018).



Further, public funds should be used for student learning, not for subsidizing membership in outside associations. HB 2510 ensures that district money is not spent on private membership unless an individual board member actually chooses to join.

Board members should be able to direct their dues and therefore who advocates for them. It should not be compelled. This best protects diverse beliefs. This is why we support. H.B. 2510 and ask that you pass it out favorably.

Thank you!