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Opponent. In-Person. House Education Committee
HB 2510. Interfering with Local Contracting Authority.
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Hearing. **Thursday, February 5**, 1:30 pm, Room 218-N

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Room 286-N, State Capitol Building

Chair Estes and Committee Members,

Please consider our concerns with HB 2510, while we thank you for the opportunity to provide in-person testimony on behalf of Kansas PTA. We oppose the proposed **disruptions to the contracting authority of local school boards and school districts**. Our concerns align with the issues that typically arise when local control is disregarded ([KS PTA Legislative Platform](#), Priority 1).

Parents and patrons make informed votes about who we elect to provide governance and oversight of our school districts. Board of education responsibilities include approval of district annual budgets as well as routine contracts for the goods and services that facilitate the daily operations of our schools. This bill implies that anything less than a unanimous vote would trigger prorated contract terms. Consider the application of this proposed precedence for association fees toward contracts for food, utilities, transportation, roof repairs and on.

Our public schools are the heart of Kansas communities, serving 90% of school age youth. Our teachers and administrators are committed to preparing all kids to thrive in work and in life. Creating opportunities for every child to engage and be successful serves to strengthen the viability of a thriving Kansas future. Thank you for your consideration. I urge committee members to respect the local control of school boards across Kansas and vote no on HB 2510, on behalf of the Kansas PTA.

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