

Opponent Testimony for SB338
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Honorable chair and committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony against SB338. I am John Axtell, volunteer coordinator for Kansas Campaign for Liberty.

Right now, homeschooling is not mentioned in Kansas statutes.

That is EXACTLY how it should be.

Our rights do not come from government – they come from God. Governments exist to protect those rights, not to dictate how parents raise and educate their children. In the eyes of God, parents have absolute authority over those questions.

SB338 would amend Kansas education statutes to define homeschooling in the same class of institutions with non-accredited private schools, subjecting them to the same regulations, oversight, and data reporting requirements.

It would destroy the autonomy that homeschooling parents now enjoy. It would allow the state to poke their nose into every homeschool in the state.

It would subject every homeschool to the same compulsory school attendance laws required of non-accredited private schools:-

Homeschooled children famously outperform their counterparts in state-sanctioned schools.-Yet this bill would force homeschools to precisely account for when children are in school and what subjects they are taking. The state could accuse homeschool parents of being guilty of violating state law until they could prove that they met the state's requirements.

The state has no constitutional authority over parents when it comes to the education of their own children! Yet SB338 will draw homeschooling under the authority of the state.

SB338 does NOTHING to protect homeschool freedom.

I urge you to oppose this bill. It deserves only to be killed in this committee.

Respectfully,

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