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Opponent. [SB 314](#). Banning school districts from informing parents and patrons.

Written Testimony. Senate Fed and State Affairs Committee

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Committee Chair Thompson and Committee Members,

With respect, **Kansas PTA is opposed to banning school districts from informing parents and patrons about policies and proposed bills that impact the quality of their public schools** ([KS PTA Legislative Platform](#)). Advocacy for one's local school district and students served, by elected school board members and district leadership, is a given expectation of district patrons. Support for strong public schools from area mayors, city councils and county commissioners is essential to thriving municipalities. Quality public schools are dependent upon the advocacy and public input from all local community leaders.

Article VI of the Kansas constitution, for example, has been instrumental in the fight to ensure Kansas youth receive adequate and equitable state funding for general education. School districts and school boards routinely adopt legislative platforms, grounded in the Kansas constitution and evidenced-based practices, from which to provide input to state policymakers on proposed bills, policies, constitutional amendments or other ballot measures (aside from bond measures as per state statute). The expertise of district and building leaders is a trusted and vital source of information from which school boards, staff, parents and patrons weigh the pros and cons of proposed policy.

We urge this committee to oppose SB 314. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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THE PTA POSITION

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