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Chairman Huebert and Members of the House Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you regarding HB 2301.

Now, more than ever, financial literacy is an important tool for our up-and-coming generation to have as they prepare for their future. As taxpayers, and contributing members to our economy, these students must be prepared for what lies ahead.

HB 2301 will require passage of a financial literacy course for graduation currently offered by districts in the state of Kansas. HB 2301 simply changes a piece of the language agreed to in 2015 by this committee and the Chair of the State Board of Education. At the time it was recommended each district develop and teach a course in financial literacy. The state board even offered resources and assistance for all districts.

As we prepare for a post COVID-19 economy, we must ensure our students are well versed in making personal financial decisions that will have long term impact on their life and well-being.

In recent years, our current and past State Treasurers have worked on similar legislation and were great resources in working on language for this bill and I truly appreciate their assistance. I also want to make recognize Rep. Anderson for his work and dedication to bringing this bill forward.

I ask today we consider how we prepare our students for their future and pass HB 2301.

Thank you.

Rep. Adam Thomas

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