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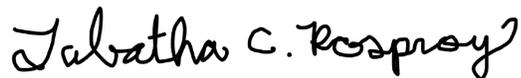
Members of the House K-12 Education Committee,

My name is Tabatha Rosproy and I am the 2020 Kansas and National Teacher of the Year. I am writing to express my support of HB 2081.

Kansas has long-been a state with a reputation for quality education, but in recent years, teachers have been faced with insurmountable challenges, contributing to a state and nation-wide teacher shortage. Contributing to this lack of educators is the large expense of an undergraduate education, especially when entering a field that is paid very little compared to other jobs requiring a four-year degree.

If we can help lighten the financial burden of future educators, I truly believe we would attract more applicants to the field, and HB 2081 is an incredible start to this endeavor. This bill would not only relieve some of the financial burden of seeking an undergraduate degree, but is one way the state can show future educators that we are invested in their well-being. This early recognition of our belief in their abilities can inspire perseverance and excellence in our future educators.

As a teacher who has had many people invest in me, I ask you, as our legislators that we trust to further the interests of our public schools, to vote yes on HB 2081, as a testament to your dedication to the future of education in our state, and your support of educators.



Sincerely,  
Tabatha Rosproy  
2015 Teacher of Promise  
2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year  
2020 Friends of Education ABC Award Recipient  
2020 National Teacher of the Year  
2023 Southwestern College Teacher's Hall of Fame