

## **SB 128 – Ad Astra Opportunity Tax Credit**

### **Proponent Testimony Written Only Testimony**

Richard Mullen, homeschooling parent  
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Honorable Chairman Tyson, Vice-Chair Peck, Ranking Minority Holland, and Committee Members:

My wife and I have homeschooled our 4 children for over 17 years. Over these years we have spent our own dollars to educate our children despite the fact that we have paid in tax dollars to the state for education. Among our children, we have one recent college graduate from a university here in Kansas, one who will graduate next year, one on the way to college next fall, and one at home who will be homeschooling for many years to come. Having a Refundable Tax Credit would have been a tremendous help to enhance their educational experience. Now with many years still to go, a Refundable Tax Credit would greatly enhance our remaining child's education.

I believe parents are the ones responsible for their child's education. Parents should have the freedom to choose how best to educate their children, and a Refundable Tax Credit would give tax dollars back to families so they can choose just that. This bill is clear, simple, and prudent. Having to be a Kansas citizen, file state tax return, and not be enrolled in a public school is understandable. Giving the parents tax dollars back to use toward educating their children the best way they see fit is also understandable and necessary.

For these reasons, I ask for your support of SB 128 just as the bill has been presented.

Thank you,  
Richard Mullen, homeschooling parent  
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