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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee. My name is Anna Moon Bradley and I am a Kansas teacher.

Teachers have the right to payroll deduction of union dues and a voice in the political process. For years public sector employees in Kansas have had the option of having their union dues divided across their paychecks and deducted directly just as other voluntary contributions are. We believe that teachers should continue to have the same rights as private sector employees regarding payroll deductions.

No teacher is forced to be part of Kansas NEA. In Kansas this is a choice. Each year teachers make this choice of their own free will.

Local teachers associations pool their money through dues to promote education. They use their collective voice to share their message about their great schools and supporting students and teachers in their locals.

Denying teachers the right to payroll deduction is simply not fair--it denies us the freedom to choose how our paychecks are spent, and frankly, ultimately denies us our freedom of speech. This bill singles out public sector employees and allows private sector businesses to collect money and have a voice when public sector employees' voices are being silenced.

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