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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 2445.

As you know only too well, the Supreme Court in their order in Gannon specifically listed four issues as violations of equity in the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act:

- The expansion of capital outlay expenditures to include utilities and property and casualty insurance,
- The use of prior year LOB authority in determining current year state aid,
- The change in election procedures for the LOB, and
- The 10% at-risk floor.

House Bill 2445 addresses all four of these issues. Passage of this bill is the first step in a response to the Court and we believe it will address those issues to the Court's satisfaction.

Beyond these issues, HB 2445 also codifies the current practice regarding the "curve of best fit" in the transportation funding formula. We believe this is the appropriate response to this issue and will allow the state to continue distributing transportation aid in a way that supports getting all children to school every day.

Passage of HB 2445 would allow this committee to focus all its efforts on addressing the adequacy ruling in Gannon and we urge the committee to move this bill forward as quickly as possible.