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Testimony to the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

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BILL NUMBER: SB 128, Opportunity Tax Credit

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or

NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 128.

Public tax dollars should remain with our public schools that accept and educate all children. Instead of funding private schools, the legislature should focus on fully funding special education, which currently has a shortfall of \$160 million.

Private schools that can pick and choose which children they want to serve should not receive our public dollars. Rural students (and communities) are harmed as public school resources are drained and students lack little to no private options. Rural communities will end up subsidizing private school tuition for families in metro areas.

Please vote NO on bill SB 128

Thank you,

Kathy McDonald

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