

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

Rich & Ann Lorenzo, homeschooling parents  
Lawrence, KS  
Senate District #3

Proponent Testimony

Honorable Chairman Tyson, Vice-Chair Peck, Ranking Minority Holland, and Committee Members:

**We are writing this letter to ask for your support of SB 128.** We have homeschooled our five children for over thirteen years. Over those years we have spent thousands of dollars educating our children, while contributing (via tax dollars) to the education of other children.

Currently, we have two children taking courses at Johnson County Community College, one child in private school and two children being homeschooled. Our youngest three children are under fourteen years old and will be with us a “few” more years. ☺ A refundable tax credit would greatly enhance our children’s education opportunities and be a tremendous help to our one income family.

We believe that parents should be the one’s deciding how best to educate their children. The passage of this bill would really open the door to all Kansas parent’s having the choice to find the very best educational opportunities for their children.

Lastly, we love that this bill is simple and the requirements are easy to understand: 1) be a Kansas citizen, 2) file a Kansas tax return, and 3) not be enrolled in a public school.

Thank you for considering our comments. I ask for your support of SB 128 without amendments.

Sincerely,

Rich & Ann Lorenzo, homeschooling parents  
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