

**February 7, 2023**  
**Testimony to the Senate Education Committee**

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**BILL NUMBER:** SB 128, Opportunity Tax Credit  
**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent  
**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

Our children – all of our children – deserve the best education we can give them. Unfortunately, if passed, this bill would hurt public schools by taking public taxpayer dollars away from public schools and instead directing that money to be used as vouchers for private schools or homeschooling. Kansas should fund public education – not private schools or homeschooling. Our tax money belongs with schools who accept and educate all students. Diverting public funds away from public schools drains public schools of the essential resources needed for our children’s success.

Please vote no on bill SB 128.

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