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Chairwoman Williams and Members of Committee, thank you for holding this hearing and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

My name is Elizabeth Patton and I am the State Director of Americans for Prosperity—Kansas. On behalf of our activists all across our state, we urge you to support HB 2119, a bill which would expand educational opportunities for students in our state.

HB 2119 that would create an education savings account for children who are academically at-risk. Under the provisions of this bill, eligible students would receive an education scholarship account (ESA) to attend a school that best fits their unique educational needs, interests, and abilities – providing each student with the best foundation for an enriched life. Students would be able to use an ESA for a number of educational expenses, including tuition, fees, textbooks, tutoring services, curriculum, and other educational services.

We believe that empowering all families Kansas with more options in the pursuit of the best educational environment for their kids is critical to allow every student to discover, develop, and apply their talents in order to find fulfillment and success in their lives.

This opportunity should be available to all students – regardless of income or ZIP code. For this reason, we encourage legislators to continue to work on solutions that extend educational opportunities to all the families in our state.

House Bill 2119 is an important first step forward in achieving this goal.

It is for these reasons that we respectfully ask for your favorable support of H.B. 2119.

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