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Written Opponent testimony

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On HB 2662: *Establishing the parents' bill of rights and academic transparency act*

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Martha Pint, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 2662. The League opposes HB 2662 because:

1. A one-size-fits-all model doesn't work for every community in Kansas. Local governments, in this case, locally-elected school boards, were chosen by their communities to make these kinds of decisions. They know their families and students best.
2. Schools already offer multiple ways for parents to be informed about curriculum, class schedules, and their students' progress via online portals, direct contact with teachers through classroom newsletters, apps, and other means. These direct contacts are the best ways to maintain these relationships and schools welcome parental involvement.
3. This bill takes public money, not to mention teachers' time, away from existing efforts to ensure the success of each student. Our teachers should focus on teaching and learning and this bill diverts their attention away from the individual student. Schools are already struggling to attract and retain teachers and this bill would not only increase their already-full workload but also create an unnecessary tense atmosphere.

Please support the work of our schools to make the decisions appropriate for their own communities and targeted to their students' success and vote no on HB 2662. Thank you.

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