

HB 2218  
Neutral testimony  
Christian Home Education Coalition of Kansas  
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I am Justin Wiebers, a homeschool parent on the board of our local Manhattan homeschool group (CHIEF) and the statewide homeschool organization, Christian Home Education Coalition of Kansas (CHECK).

Founding father and President John Adams said “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” As a state homeschool leader, I am keenly aware of the necessity of keeping constant watch to protect the freedom of homeschool families in Kansas. We initially opposed this bill because we are concerned that the use of government funding could result in increased regulation for homeschool families.

We appreciate the work of the chair in listening to our concerns and responding with amendment language that would mitigate that risk for homeschool families, by creating a separate compulsory attendance option for ESA students. With those changes in place, we would move to a neutral position on this bill.

We will continue to monitor the bill and communicate with the chair in case the bill is modified in additional ways that would compromise the protection of homeschool freedom. If that were to happen with no additional remedy, we would return to our original position of opposed.