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Proponent

Senate No. Bill 128

Oral Testimony

Thank you for allowing my testimony. My name is Nikki Chubb, I am a parent of Five Children located in Sharon Springs, Ks. I am testifying in support of this Senate bill No. 128. Living in a very rural area we have very few educational options. I was born and raised in this county, I went to the local public school, as do my four children who are of age.

As we continue our public education endeavor, I have found that with each passing year, the public school gets farther and farther away from our values as a family. I am seeing a more “woke” agenda creep in. My husband serves on the BOE here in USD 241 and has been wildly displeased with some of the policy being introduced into our schools.

With all of that being said, the options out here in western Kansas are 1. Public school 2. Homeschool. Homeschooling would put a financial burden on so many families out here since we are a very low income county. Homeschoolers are not allowed to play sports in our district. In our district community members, parents etc. (the people paying taxes to the school) are not even allowed to use our local gym without a staff member present. Most of our administration is not homeschool friendly and is usually unwilling to work with homeschoolers. Any sort of extracurricular would not be possible for us without outsourcing, traveling at least 60 miles and those options which would likely be very expensive.

We would love educational freedom and the option to explore other options without the huge financial burden.

This Bill in particular would help parents to be less worried about the financial burden and choose for themselves what choice of school they would like to pursue with their children. This would allow the parents who do not want to homeschool the option to get some help from private tutors, send the kids to a private school, or do online schooling. Parents are best equipped to make decisions for their own children and this bill would be a HUGE step in the right direction. FREEDOM, this bill would give the parents Freedom to CHOOSE.