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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

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

As a parent of 2 children who have attended SMSD school district, one of which has had a 504 plan since he was 8 years old, I oppose the use of our public education dollars being used for private schooling, especially as special education continues to be underfunded to the tune of \$160 million. The lack of oversight of these schools should automatically disqualify them. You continue to expand this program despite proof of educational success. I moved my children to SMSD for a quality education and going back to Brownback type policies will only bankrupt and shortchange our schools and our students.

Please vote NO on bill SB 128.

Thank you for your consideration.

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