

## Senate Bill 128

### Proponent written testimony

My name is Brandi Potter and I'm writing on behalf of myself and husband, our 3 children, and the 7 additional children that I homeschool, along with their families. This letter is in support of SB 128.

As a former public school teacher it was a long-time pipe dream to one day open my own program. After teaching through COVID I decided to try to make that dream a reality and began homeschooling my 3 children ages 4, 6, and 9 in January of 2022. That summer my husband and I spent thousands of dollars and buckets of sweat renovating our 1960s garage into a classroom. In August of 2022 I opened the doors to the first students of Potter's Cottage Homeschool Collective. Since then I've spent hundreds more on curriculum, materials, supplies, and of course snacks.

Although the families that I serve pay a fee each month for their children to attend, the tax money that SB 128 could provide in the future would make it possible for my preschoolers to attend into kindergarten and beyond without their families having to choose between homeschool and public due to cost. SB 128 would make my homeschool program and so many other programs more accessible to children whose families do not currently have the means to pay for non-public options. SB 128 would provide my incredibly hard-working husband a little financial relief from the projects I continue to inundate him with to expand our school space. These are just a few ways that this bill could help our family, the families that I serve, and the thousands of Kansas children who are currently being homeschooled in our state.

The Potters - family of 5, Baldwin City

The Stouts - family of 4, Baldwin City

The Coxes - family of 6, Baldwin City

The Sappingtons - family of 5, Baldwin City

The Collins - family of 5, Baldwin City

The Davis' - family of 4, Baldwin City

The Knickerbockers - family of 5, Baldwin City

**Brandi Potter**