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Regarding House Bill 2197
Honorable Chairperson and Members of House Federal and State Affairs Committee

I was on the Kansas State High School Activities Association Student Advisory Board for two years, from Fall 2006 - Spring 2008. I felt at the time as if the Student Advisory Board was more symbolic in nature, and our main purpose was to create ads about sportsmanship that could be played at the state sporting venues. I tried bringing up the idea about how the Kansas 6A state championship game that Shawnee Mission West was apart of in 2006 should be moved to a different venue. The stadium did not have nearly enough seating, concessions, and the facilities could not handle the magnitude of the game. I also tried bringing up how it would be nice if the students on the advisory board could receive a pass so we could get into sub-state and state games for free in order to make ourselves more of a presence. Both of these ideas were quickly brushed away by KSHSAA staff when I brought them up during various meetings. I support HB2197, as it will provide better public representation on Boards that can make a real difference.