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Lisa Bartel  
215 S. Pine St  
Newton, KS 67114  
HB2143 - Testimony for Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Dear Representative Campbell and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns about the purchasing of food used in schools proposed in House Bill 2143 which would require school districts to procure specific spend categories through the department of education.

As an individual working to increase the purchase and consumption of locally produced food, I have concerns about creating statewide contracts for the purchase of food.

This could affect our five local school districts from purchasing locally grown tomatoes and asparagus from a Farmers Market or a local business.

Please allow school districts to support their local economies by allowing them the freedom to make their own purchasing decisions.

Thank you for letting me express my concerns with this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Bartel".

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