

April 26, 2021

Dear members of the committee:

On behalf of thousands of Americans for Prosperity activists and supporters in Kansas, I urge you to vote YES on House Bill 2553, a bill which would strengthen and expand public school open enrollment policies in our state.

By implementing a more open and transparent process for students to transfer into their public school of choice, H.B. 2553 would make it easier for our families to find the best educational environment for their children, regardless of ZIP code. Public school transfers have existed as long as public schools. Unfortunately, access is often limited to parents who are well-connected or who possess enough personal wherewithal to navigate an opaque system that was not designed to facilitate choice.

Americans for Prosperity believes that every student deserves access to the education that meets their unique needs. For this reason, instead of leaving options open to only the well-connected or based on the whims of school administrators, we believe enrollment policies should allow all families to easily enroll their children in any public school of their choice. The pandemic has demonstrated the need for families and students to access a broad range of options beyond their assigned traditional public school. This bill represents a step in the right direction to offer more students an educational experience that is tailored around their unique needs and talents.

It is for these reasons we respectfully ask you to vote YES on House Bill 2553.

Sincerely,

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