

Education Budget Committee  
Written Testimony *Opposing* HB 2550  
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As a board of education member for the past 16 years, I find the intent of HB 2550 to be completely misguided. Instead of bills which result in the destruction of public education in Kansas, our Legislators should be expending its efforts and resources to build upon the existing foundation of public education in Kansas. HB 2550 is clearly a bill that promotes discrimination with taxpayer funding to be used by entities who will pick and choose which students they wish to accept.

In a time when the Legislature, taxpayers and parents are demanding increased accountability and transparency with their public tax dollars, as they should, it is appalling to see bills such as HB 2550 come before the House K-12 Education Budget Committee for consideration which will provide precious and limited public tax dollars to be re-directed to for-profit corporations who do not and will not, be subjected to the same standards as the Unified School Districts.