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Ms. Broxterman,

I had some of the incorrect email addresses below when I initially sent this email, so it was kicked back by most of them. Please see the email below and add it as testimony for the record please.

Best regards,
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Chair Williams and members of the committee:

HB 2550 is bad legislation and an affront to the Kansas taxpayers. I do not want my taxpayer dollars diverted to private, exclusive, selective, often religious schools. Private schools do not have the same accountability measures as public schools in the state. Moreover, I do not want taxpayer funded religious indoctrination as it is against the constitution. The study of all religions as part of social studies is already part of the curriculum in public schools. Additional faith-based education should take place in the church not schools. Faith is important, but the separation of church and state is ESSENTIAL to a successful democracy. Despite the constant criticism of public schools, it is hard to deny the fact that Kansas and the rest of the nation have risen to the level of world leaders in almost every field by the hard work of what are nearly all publicly educated people. Adequately supporting, encouraging, and funding our public schools must be our focus rather than diverting essential taxpayer dollars to an elite few. I implore you to safeguard your religious faith, but set it aside when

you legislate. Again, history has taught us the separation of church and state is essential. Therefore, you must strike down HB 2550 for the good of all Kansas children. Further division is the last thing we need as a state right now.

Respectfully submitted,
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