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Chairman and Members of Committee, thank you for holding this hearing and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

My name is Elizabeth Patton and I am the state director of Americans for Prosperity—Kansas. On behalf of the thousands activists across our state, we urge you to support House Bill 2550, which would expand educational opportunities for thousands of students in our state.

Under the provisions of this bill, eligible students would be eligible receive an education scholarship account (ESA) to access the educational environment that best fits their unique educational needs, interests, and abilities – providing each student with the best foundation for an enriched life. Students would be able to use an ESA for a number of educational expenses, including tuition, fees, textbooks, tutoring services, curriculum, online learning programs or courses, services from a physician or therapist, and other educational services.

Every child in Kansas should have access to a quality education allowing them to discover, develop, and apply their unique talents to find lifelong fulfillment and contribute to their community. This opportunity should be available to all students – regardless of income or zip code. Therefore, we encourage the legislature to expand the eligibility criteria for the program created by this bill so that all students in our state can have access to an educational environment that works for them. When families are equipped with a diversity of tools, they can make the best decisions regarding the education of their children.

It is for these reasons that we respectfully ask for your favorable support of H.B. 2550.

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