



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am in support of the section of this bill which addresses funding for gifted education. Students who are gifted and talented deserve to be challenged, taught, and stretched at a level commensurate with their gifts and talents. They require not more, but different services and opportunities to reach their unique levels of success.



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As a home school graduate, a home school father, and a tutor in our local home school community, I am thrilled to see legislation that advances educational options for parents and children. Competition breeds excellence, and expanding educational options will help to promote a renewal of the prioritization of children instead of the ever-increasing demand to protect the institution, whether public or private. There are many children who are “trapped” in the current public school system, and there are many parents who would love to consider other options but are hindered by financial limitations. Expanding school choice would give these families options where their children could thrive and learn. You may hear from other home educators who have been fed misinformation about how this legislation changes the current home school law or increases government intrusion. While I appreciate the motives of my fellow home educators, they have been misinformed. I appreciate the work the sponsor of the bill has done to both protect the current law relating to home schools and to limit unnecessary government intrusion. I would urge the committee to maintain those protections when considering amendments to this legislation. As a classical Christian educator, I wholeheartedly support competition and the expansion of parental options in the sphere of education. I urge you to support HB 2937. Respectfully, Jimmy Morris



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Schools that are high performing should have the autonomy to assess student growth in a way that is most informative to them. Most high performing schools use more frequent examination of data to examine student growth and to inform instructional decisions such as NWEA, Fastbridge, STAR, etc. These assessments can be given multiple times throughout the year and many high-performing schools use these scores to inform their MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support) process and directly alter instruction to meet student needs. This kind of data is much more meaningful than a yearly state assessment that does not yield informative instructional data on a per student basis. Giving districts autonomy to choose how to assess student growth and teacher performance should reduce student test fatigue and increase motivation, because teachers will have more time to teach and students will have more time to learn.



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I disagree with government funded Education Savings Accounts for Family-Paced Education Schools, also known as a homeschool.



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I want the law to remain as it is; I do not want government funding for homeschooling my children. As I know with government funding ultimately the government will desire more and more control. Please keep the law as it is.



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There is no reason to expand school choice in Missouri. Creating FPE is allowing the state into the homes, regardless of what you call it. Other states that have done similar things are watching their educational systems begin to collapse. No to universal healthcare. No to universal basic income. No to universal housing. This is the in the same vein. Getting families addicted to state money is poor form at best.



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I am very opposed to this Bill. This is yet another disguise to erode and eliminate our 518-Public School Districts. This "Task Force" is a total waste of time, with many of its Provisions already being accomplished within Divisions of the State Department of Secondary and Elementary Education. Defeat this Bill!



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There is no reason this should be passed. Missouri is a great state of freedom for homeschool families. Family Paced Education is NOT homeschooling. The government in any form should not be involving itself in homeschooling. Parents reserve the rights to choose what their children learn and do not learn. This opens a door for regulations and less homeschool freedom.



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Good afternoon. I am contacting you to express my opposition on HB2937. I do NOT feel that more government involvement would be beneficial. I value our independence and do not want more government control. This could lead to a slippery slope as seen in other states, small amounts of government intrusion into the home often grow into something larger impacting even those who do not wish to participate over time. Please consider this as you are presented to HB 2937. This is not for the people that actually choose to homeschool their kids. Thank you Caleb Haynes Concerned Citizen and Homeschool Parent



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I as a homeschool mom believe this is a very slippery slope and do not want any changes to the current homeschool law.



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We appreciate the freedom we have to homeschool our children. We don't believe more government is the answer to education. We appreciate those the represent the peoples rights and freedom. Thank you!



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I am submitting this testimony to oppose HB 2937. HB2937 is a misguided attempt to exert government control over homeschooling, disguised under the guise of educational reform. This bill represents a blatant ploy to enforce the same failed policies that have wrought havoc on public schools, now seeking to extend their reach into homeschools and private Christian schools. By imposing unnecessary regulations and oversight, HB2937 threatens to undermine the autonomy and flexibility that families cherish in homeschooling. Rather than fostering innovation and personalized learning, this legislation seeks to impose a one-size-fits-all approach dictated by bureaucratic mandates. Homeschooling and private Christian schools have thrived precisely because they offer alternatives to the bureaucratic inefficiencies and ideological agendas prevalent in public education. HB2937 represents an encroachment on parental rights and educational freedom, undermining the diverse and thriving landscape of educational options available to families. It is imperative to oppose HB2937 and uphold the principles of educational choice and parental autonomy.



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Home school students and parents have been wildly successful in raising the next generation of conservative adults. We do not need interference from the government, nor do we need our tax money refunded back to us only to have the government tell us how to educate our children. Please allow us to choose how we educate our children.



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I don't approve of Government interference in Home Schooling children



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Similar programs in other states have had unintended negative consequences. Increased dependence on government funding does not solve issues.



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I oppose my tax dollars going to private schools, especially parochial schools. There needs to be accountability and financial accounting for the money. It's my tax dollars also.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVA-LEIGH BRUSH		PHONE NUMBER: 314-600-6018	
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MOEEP-A opposes this bill because we believe public dollars should remain with public education. We can make our public schools better this way. We are concerned with the lack of accountability and transparency, particularly with FPE schools. Any school getting public tax dollars should have similar accountability to public schools.



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While I applaud the efforts to aid home school families in Missouri with financial investments needed for home schooling, HB 2937 appears to create several requirements that dictate adherence to evaluations/measurements that are used for public education methods. These are processes which run counter to most home schooling families who are trying to embrace more flexible processes that fit their children's needs. Because of this reason I must ask you to not support HB 2937 as written.
Thank you



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Reasons we are opposing such legislation:with the shekels come the shackles - we value our independence and do not want more government controlslippery slope - as seen in other states, small amounts of government intrusion into the home often grow into something larger impacting even those who do not wish to participate over timesimilar programs have had negative unintended consequences in other statesincreased dependance on government funding does not solve any issue (universal health care, universal basic income, etc.



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HB 2937 proposes to give families control of public money dedicated to funding education expenses of K-12 students in Missouri as monitored by the state treasurer, when in fact it creates a surveillance tool for what parents do to educate their school-aged children, and restricts the categories of expenditures in which the money can be spent. The underlying assumption of the bill is that children are "creatures" of the state, when in fact, the state did not "create" a child and has no business replacing or restricting parents in determining the education of children. The requirement that participating students must take state achievement tests and provide for value added assessment in grades that require statewide assessment is seriously flawed by the fact that legislators don't know whether the statewide assessments (which DESE has not made accessible to the public for review as it had in previous iterations of the MAP) is measuring academics or whether they incorporate assessment of psychological and cultural preferences of the test makers. A better solution to restoring parent authority over children's education is to reduce state taxes, allow families to itemize tax deductions, and encourage charter and private schools to create their own scholarship programs that parents can apply for on behalf of their children. Vote NO on HB 2937.



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I am against this bill given that it will strip public funds from public education without any oversight and little accountability. I believe in MORE public funds for public education, and LESS funds being diverted to charter, private, and homeschooling educational enterprises. Free, high-quality, and accessible public education for all is a key building block of the America I hope to live in!



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As homeschoolers, we do not want anymore government involvement than we already have, as more will likely bring less freedom in our choices as we home educate our children, whom are our own responsibility and not the government.



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Slippery slope



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This government funding of homeschooling will cripple homeschooling.



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As concerned, citizens invested in the education and well-being of our children we firmly oppose HB 2938, rather than imposing burdensome regulations on homeschooling families, we urge policy makers to support initiatives that promote parental choice educational initiatives in collaborations between government agencies, and homeschool and communities together we can ensure that all children, Missouri have access to high-quality education while respecting the right and responsibilities of parents to direct their children’s upbringing and education, according to their beliefs and values in conclusion, we call upon lawmakers to reject HB 2938 and uphold the principles of parental autonomy and educational freedom that are integral to a thriving and diverse, educational landscaping, Missouri



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I oppose this bill. It would strip funds from public education with little accountability. It weakens our public education system.



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Please remove all reference to FPE and homeschool in this bill or completely get rid of the bill. FPE families are part of the homeschool community. We do NOT want more government regulations. Government money will undoubtedly lead to more regulations.



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I would like to firmly stand in opposition to this bill. As a homeschooling father, I do not want anything to do with this. The stripping of educational freedom this bill allows is appalling. This is direct attack on homeschooling and we want nothing to do with it. The government can keep their money, I will happily keep my freedom.



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As a homeschool family for 15 years, raising 7 children, we stand in opposition to this bill. While we do appreciate the thought, in the long run, homeschool families do not want government involvement in the curriculum, expectations, and data gathering of our children. It is simply not worth the financial benefits of this or similar bills.



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Those of us in the homeschool community oppose this bill.



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I OPPOSE this legislation



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As a career educator and staunch advocate of public education, I oppose this bill. I implore you to dedicate your efforts in to bona fide systemic reform of the education system in Missouri and not quick fixes and work-arounds. These benefit a few people in isolation of others and doing nothing for the comprehensive work of educating children. Specifically, 2937 is another manipulation of the same issues of diverting funds to individuals and institutions with no accountability or oversight. First and foremost, this is an accident or inappropriate use of public funds waiting to happen. It will require another layer of robust State bureaucracy, red tape, monitoring investigators, government home intrusion, and/or it will allow millions of state dollars to be spent with no accountability. andIt is far below the bar of what Missouri defines as a quality (?) education. It further complicates the use of commingling the formula with vouchers and now with a third "Student accounts program" It defines the Qualified Expenses of the Student Account program like a trip to a big box home improvement store with account funds applicable to anything and everything. It is a POLITICAL BLANK CHECK to be used for anything as a result of: "Other allowable educational expenses determined by the governor" It is probably the only potential law for education that includes the word "Debit Card" It provides a family with funds that could extend beyond 13 years of schooling to be used for post-high school education. Line 156. How do you justify allowable use after high school including tuition in higher education, trade school, or BUYING A HOUSE. The bill reflects such lack of confidence in this scheme that it references concerns and implications of fraud. It provides no satisfactory accountability or monitoring of fund use. It utilizes existing language on child custody which may not align with future uses of the debit card account creating legal complications for families and children for decades. And - it violates the basic principles of public education and the role of government in education.



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Please accept my testimony as opposing HB 2937. This bill is aiming to enforce the same failing policies toward homeschoolers and private Christian schools as the public school has right now. Homeschoolers and private Christian schools want to be left alone and have the freedom to teach our children with teaching methods that work best for each student. The "one size fits all" public school policies are not the best for our children.



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WITNESS NAME: JOAN GENTRY		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to this bill. This bill expands tuition tax credits and school choice and consequently takes money away from public schools. This bill mirrors cookie cutter bills provided by ALEC to legislators who have no background in the field of public education but who are who are willing to push this kind of legislation. Please vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: JON MARK TRAMMEL		PHONE NUMBER:
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We know that with money from the government comes government intrusion and on that basis I oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: JUDITH CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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I strongly oppose HB 2937 as it reduces funding to public schools without providing any oversight. Who is accountable for this bill if law? I am against creating a new school category, Family Paced Education. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: JULIE CLAUSSEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: KARISSA PYLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: KATY PURVIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: KAYLA HAYNES		PHONE NUMBER:
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I do not feel as that this bill will benefit my children in the long term. Please do not pass this. I value the independence I have and do not want more give involved.



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WITNESS NAME: KEISHA MINGUS		PHONE NUMBER:
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I don't want this to pass. I like having the freedom to educate my children as I would like.



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WITNESS NAME: KENDRA LOTTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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We do not want government funds in exchange for government over reach. With shekels come shackles. We are totally against this bill!



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN ROSE		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN STRATTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: KIM QUON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: KIRBY PESTKA		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am vehemently opposed to HB2937 because it includes homeschoolers. Homeschoolers should be left out of this bill entirely.



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WITNESS NAME: KORTNIE HUDDLESTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I urge you to oppose this bill and stop defunding Missouri public schools



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WITNESS NAME: KYLIE CRAVEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I believe as the parents we only want the very best for our kids. We will supply with the best education based on each individual child. Those options maybe homeschooling or private. Why distress those that are working hard to educate with more rules and guidelines. Let them teach and let them be.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA LONGANECKER		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: LAURYN MULLINGS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MALACHI BULLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MARK FAHLSTROM		PHONE NUMBER:
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All this does is increase our individual dependency on government funding and does not really solve any issue. Similar programs have had negative unintended consequences in other states and I do not want those for the state of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW CARLESS		PHONE NUMBER:
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This is a slippery slope of government intrusion into the private lives of American citizens. When has government funded anything solved a problem or made a lasting positive impact. Let me answer that question for you in one word. Never. Please vote no on bill 2937. Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: MEAGAN GRUNDY		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a home educator, I find the need to redefine it as “family-paced education” is concerning. I also am concerned that we are creating a system for all individuals in education to grow dependent on public funding. The family was created to be the nucleus of society. As a society when we encourage people to be dependent on government we continually perpetuate the pulling away from family. I have many concerns as to why this bill is pushing so strongly for independent choices while also throwing in many unrelated issues including but not limited to teacher salaries. In short, this is a Bill that I do not align with as a citizen of Missouri. I hope that this measure is not pushed through just to follow other states or to half-attempt to solve a much larger problem.



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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN HOWERTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: MELEAH MORGAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: MICAH ALBERTS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose this bill



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL HARRIS		PHONE NUMBER: 615-202-3579	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE: GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER	
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MSTA opposes legislation that would give tax credits for scholarships, tuition or vouchers to private schools or voucher plans that would divert public funds to pay for private school tuition.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE GOFF		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: MIKE CALLAHAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am submitting this testimony to oppose HB 2937. HB2937 is a misguided attempt to exert government control over homeschooling, disguised under the guise of educational reform. This bill represents a blatant ploy to enforce the same failed policies that have wrought havoc on public schools, now seeking to extend their reach into homeschools and private Christian schools. By imposing unnecessary regulations and oversight, HB2937 threatens to undermine the autonomy and flexibility that families cherish in homeschooling. Rather than fostering innovation and personalized learning, this legislation seeks to impose a one-size-fits-all approach dictated by bureaucratic mandates. Homeschooling and private Christian schools have thrived precisely because they offer alternatives to the bureaucratic inefficiencies and ideological agendas prevalent in public education. HB2937 represents an encroachment on parental rights and educational freedom, undermining the diverse and thriving landscape of educational options available to families. It is imperative to oppose HB2937 and uphold the principles of educational choice and parental autonomy.



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY COPENHAVER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-263-5725	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI		TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI	
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Reasons we are opposing such legislation:with the shekels come the shackles - we value our independence and do not want more government controlslippery slope - as seen in other states, small amounts of government intrusion into the home often grow into something larger impacting even those who do not wish to participate over timesimilar programs have had negative unintended consequences in other statesincreased dependance on government funding does not solve any issue (universal health care, universal basic income, etc.)



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Homeschooling has changed our family dynamic for the better!! I enjoy being with my children and educating them! I am a LPC who use to work as a child mental health therapist in the public school system. I have been a stay at home mother since my kids were born and from experience with being in the public school system is what help my husband and I decide on homeschooling! We feel very strongly about being part of the homeschool community.



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Thank you kindly for your service. I really, really appreciate it. As a veteran homeschool mom I'd like to comment on HB 2937: government funding always comes with ties. Free money isn't free. Please remove homeschool from this bill. It seems great upon first glance, but with experience, I've learned that government money comes with increased regulation. It's subject to change indefinitely and without going through our process of amending our statutes. Missouri has wonderful homeschool laws right now. This will happen by the ever changing regulations that will accompany the government money. Since there's just one homeschool community it will affect the entire community and not just those who choose to take this money. My younger self would have not understood this concept as I'm guessing would be the case with many others. It's best to let parents take the role of raising their children with no government interference. After all, the Creator gave children to parents and not to the state. If one insists on "government funds" a better option could be a tax deduction.



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Parents should have full and only say on their children's education. I do NOT support this bill.



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By allowing this to exist as an idea, threatens the homeschool community. By opening this door we, the homeschool community, are potentially allowing more governmental oversight and regulation which is the opposite we want and need. The constant threat that at anytime the government can come into my home and audit me to “ensure that I am properly educating my children” is ridiculous, an infringement upon my right to educate my children as I see fit, and a waste of tax payers dollars. This proposed bill needs not to be passed and let it die. It is not the job of the government to interfere with families educating their child outside of the public school system. We homeschool for a reason, which is to not be educated by the state.



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We value our independence. Shekels equals shackles.



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I am a homeschooling parent and I do not support any bills that will and do lead to more government oversight. If we want to retain our freedoms and make our country great again, we need to stop enabling poor choices and work ethic. A much better option for homeschoolers is to reduce their taxes.



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This government financing will cripple the homeschooling functionality. We need less government involvement



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I will present my testimony orally. Thank you.



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Both of my parents were educators. I know from them, and also first-hand, how important robust financing of public education is to our communities across the State. Public education exposes children to different viewpoints and different ways of thinking, so that they can get along with neighbors and co-workers as adults. Every child deserves a free appropriate education. When we take dollars away from public education for home schooling, private schooling or charter schooling, we are reducing the likelihood that a free appropriate education is available.



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I do not want a change to the current law. When you change the law, the government gets bigger and more controlling. I am not in favor of that.



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However many times I must say that public dollars belong only in public schools, I will keep saying it.



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These government actions impose on those that take their children's education seriously enough to send them to a superior school, not run or funded by government.



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We need to fund our PUBLIC schools enough to have schools that work for everyone, schools that are open, inclusive and free with all the teachers, counselors and social workers needed to meet the needs of ALL children. If parents who can afford it still want to send their kids to a private school then that is their privilege but MY tax dollars should not fund private schools. My parents did choose to send me and my younger brothers to a parochial school in 1969/70 because of the racial climate at the time, they did not expect the state to reimburse them. I oppose moving public funding to private schools. If parents want to send their children to private schools that is their business, public funds should not follow the child, public funds are for public schools.



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I was homeschooled. My children are homeschooled. My parents never took a penny of government money because they believed in keeping the government out of our home. I am completely opposed to this bill. I chose to homeschool my children so that as their parent I am able to determine what they learn. We abide by all of Missouri's current rules and regulations. We don't need more.



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Dear Committee, thank you for allowing me to write in to provide information on HB 2937. Much confusion has been caused in the homeschool community as proposals come into bills to rename or reclassify a type of home educator. We traditional homeschoolers value our freedom in raising our children. To that end, I'd like to thank the bill sponsor for purposely prohibiting home schoolers from participating. The invention of the FPE schooler, while a wonderful idea, has brought no end of trouble and division amongst home schoolers. This division is caused because no one can definitively say whether FPE is a type of homeschooler or a separated other type of education entity which learns at home. I'd like to take time to formally propose solutions. I would argue that you could change the definition of FPE a tad as the nature of this program is to use funds to purchase curriculum, books, and the like for the purpose of educating children. Also, the students must take norm-referenced tests as part of the program, so they don't necessarily have to have evaluations. You could change it to something like having to use a written curriculum or combination of curriculums to teach the five subjects, keep a portfolio of samples, and participate in norm-referenced testing. I would also like to see some sort of sign up, contract, or enrolling into the program in order to be an FPE student. And upon commencement of said contract, a student's designation as a home school student is terminated. I think language such as this would make for specific boundaries noticeable between the two types of education at home under a parent's direction.



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I am testifying on behalf of Missouri Homeschool Alliance, a registered not-for-profit state-wide homeschool support and advocacy organization. MHA continues to maintain our consistent position that public money should never go to fund private education of any kind. That said, we recognize that this bill is defining a homeschool into a new statute. We appreciate the efforts to differentiate between a homeschool and a FPE school, and the firm definition that FPE is not in any way a homeschool. That said, we recognize that the use of such similar language to define the two separate types of statutory schools, and the near-identical record keeping requirements as currently described in HB 2937, have caused considerable confusion within the homeschooling community. We would ask that the committee consider amending the bill to provide even more distinction between home schools and FPE schools, recognizing that an FPE school will be subject to registration with the State and standardized testing. One such modification could be the inclusion of a termination of homeschooling clause for families who choose to switch from traditional statutory homeschooling to become an FPE School that accepts funding. We would also invite you to consider that, since FPE schools will be subject to standardized testing requirements and use of state-approved curriculum, the requirements for keeping daily lesson plans, record of progress, and portfolio of samples could likely be dropped from FPE requirements. This separation of requirements for the two types of schools would help to clarify to all that homeschool and FPE school are separate entities, and should not in any way be equated. We appreciate the efforts by the members of this Committee to listen, to help to preserve homeschool freedom, and to continue to keep Missouri one of the best states in the Nation in which to homeschool our children.



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