



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY KAYSER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Testimony in Support of SB 727: As a mother of three elementary-aged kids who have been part of the Columbia, Missouri community for 24 years, I strongly support the expansion of charter schools to Boone County. It's crucial for families in our area to have diverse educational options to choose from, ensuring that every child receives the best possible education tailored to their needs and interests. Educational options should not be limited by income or arbitrary district lines. Charter schools offer a valuable alternative that empowers families to make the best choices for their children's future. Charter schools provide an opportunity for educational innovation. This can particularly benefit students who might struggle in a traditional classroom setting. Furthermore, charter schools foster healthy competition within our educational system. This competition drives improvement in both charter and public schools alike, elevating the quality of education across Boone County and declining the cycle of poverty that exists when our education system fails our children.



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WITNESS NAME: BECKY LOHMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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We support Boone County charter expansions and any other provisions that lead to more high quality seats for students.



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WITNESS NAME: BECKY LOHMANN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-424-1514	
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WITNESS NAME: BRENT HEMPHILL		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: CONNECTIONS ACADEMY		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: COREY WIEMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a resident of Boone County, I'm in support of expanding charter schools to the County to ensure families have additional educational options available to them. Missouri's charter schools have proven to be an excellent option/alternative available to all students, the key there being 'available to all,' as I firmly believe education options should not be limited to financial means or shifting boundaries.



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WITNESS NAME: DEVIN SQUIRES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe that all individuals regardless of socioeconomic status should receive options in education.



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WITNESS NAME: GARRETT WEBB		PHONE NUMBER: 219-229-1104	
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Aligned strongly supports two components of this legislation: the differentiated pay scale as a component of the teacher recruitment and retention efforts of the state, which allows school districts to annually approve a differentiated pay outside of the regular pay scale for hard to staff schools or hard to fill positions and secondly, the increased PreK threshold which allows school districts to voluntarily provide high quality PreK to students in the year prior to kindergarten or contract with a provider to do so.



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WITNESS NAME: JANET ANTHONY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Vouchers and/or scholarships of any kind would greatly help many families afford to put their student (s) in a private school of their choice instead of public institutions that are falling behind for our students. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: JEAN EVANS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-229-0827	
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WITNESS NAME: JEREMY CADY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-799-3277	
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WITNESS NAME: JERRY D. HOBBS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-418-0988	
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I want to go on record as being in support of SB 727.			



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN POTTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Parents/guardian need more choice for education especially if they are in a failing school.



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN WEAVER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My family and I strongly support this bill. Please do not be bullied into defeating it. Columbia families deserve to have more options for where their children go to school. Our school board president, Suzette Waters, has told KOMU TV that parents already have options—they choose where to live and send their children to private school. This is an outrageous statement and shows little understanding of the challenges parents face. Our school system is teetering on the line of provisional accreditation and is besieged with behavior problems. Parental involvement in any school system decision is non-existent. This is all about power and who gets to decide how children will be schooled. The parents deserve that choice. Please don't let this opportunity slip away from them. Senator Rowden has this right. Please vote in favor of choice for Columbia families.



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WITNESS NAME: KATE CASAS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-809-5042	
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WITNESS NAME: KELLY KRIVESTI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in support of bill SB 727. As a parent, small business owner and tax payer in Boone County Missouri there is a major need for education reform, specifically in Columbia Public Schools. I support expanding charter schools to Boone County so children and families can have additional options to choose from. Families who cannot afford private school should have options other than. The one size fits all public school approach or what district lines they are drawn into. Charter schools have been shown to be high performing academic options for all children. Please consider the opportunities this would give families and children whom have lesser circumstances. Public figures constantly speak on equity, this is the perfect opportunity to actually achieve that action.



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WITNESS NAME: KYNA IMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-651-1185	
REPRESENTING: PARENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL OPTIONS		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: LINDSEY BATES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MALLORY DISCHERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in support of school choice in Boone county. 2020 showed us the importance of being able to have a choice where our children go to school and how they learn. Shutting down the schools for over a year has shown to have negative effects on learning. Families shouldn't be strong armed into going to a certain school just because of their income or where they live. All should have the opportunity to attend a school that meets the needs of their children. Charter schools would be a great addition to the monopoly of cps.



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WITNESS NAME: NOAH DEVINE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-424-1689	
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WITNESS NAME: RACHELLE GABRIEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA UCCELLO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ROOSEVELT LYONS		PHONE NUMBER: 816-679-2566	
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WITNESS NAME: RUSSELL WALKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON MILLER		PHONE NUMBER: 816-248-5364	
REPRESENTING: SUMMIT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY		TITLE:	
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CITY: HARRISONVILLE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64701
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WITNESS NAME: TARA ARNETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: taraearnett@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/27/2024 1:30 PM
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I would like to voice my support of this bill in order to expand school choice in Boone County. I am a resident with 3 kids in CPS and also live in an area of Columbia that is zoned to some of the lowest performing schools in the city. I believe more choice beyond picking up and moving is needed for families. I have friends that have moved to Arizona from CPS and report that their school experience is like night and day with the choice they have. I have an impeccably behaved student that struggles academically and gets almost no classroom support because of the issues happening in the classroom. It's simply not fair to her.



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WITNESS NAME: ALISON KAISER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: awkaiser@socket.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/28/2024 8:52 AM
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I oppose SB 727 and urge the Missouri Legislature to support rather than to undermine public education in the state. In particular, I am alarmed about how the expansion of charter schools in Boone County will impact funding for our public schools, already underfunded and undermined by state lawmakers. I also oppose expansion of tax credits for those who choose not to attend public schools. Both of these measures degrade our communities and exacerbate existing problems in our schools at a time when teachers are leaving the state and the profession because of low pay and low morale. Charter schools are not proven to be better at addressing the needs of students and they are not accountable to the communities where they are superimposed, draining resources that should be devoted to the common good. The Missouri legislature should fully fund ALL of our public schools, bring teachers' salaries up to competitive levels, and demonstrate an understanding of the real needs of our diverse communities before raiding public funds to benefit special interests.



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WITNESS NAME: ALISON SCHNEIDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill is ill-conceived with no consideration for districts in actual funding or handling of new requirements such as the bill has focused on the increase in teacher pay, but the bill does not ensure state funding will be appropriated this year or any subsequent year for this purpose. Also notable is the scholarship priority requirements take away the merit that should be the **ONLY** consideration. Further... 4-day week schools having to go to a vote for adoption does not mention whether schools currently in a 4-day week would have to go under the vote to continue with their current status- leaving out that **VERY** important “grandfathering” of existing situations would be catastrophic to any school district. There are many more inconsistent and ill- planned amendments that make this bill untenable and I urge you to shut it down. Please stop bringing up ideas to just be bringing up ideas- public education is not a game.



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WITNESS NAME: ALLISON DURBIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: alsilon@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/28/2024 6:36 AM
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This bill is a mess. Please do not pass this ambiguously worded and dangerous bill.			



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KEEP PUBLIC MONEY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS			



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Public money goes to public schools. Private money goes to private schools. The end. I went to private school, and I still don't want my dollars offsetting it. It makes no sense. The potential diversion of public funds and student enrollment from public schools and districts, like mine, to private educational institutions is destructive. And, crosses a line between religion and government. And with comparatively limited oversight and no stipulations in the bill to restrain potential future expansions? Worse, projections indicate a significant estimated increase in state costs, totaling \$467 million, at a time when state revenues may not be adequately robust to accommodate such expenses. Fund public schools with the public's dollars. It's the literal definition of public schools. It's what keeps them healthy and thriving. Please keep my private money out of private schools. Spend my money on public schools.



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Public money should stay with public schools. Period. The MOSCHOLARS program is just a tax shell and another way the GOP is trying to privatize school for their own gain and destroy public schools. This hurts everyone, but especially rural Missourians.



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I firmly oppose SB 727 - Koenig as it still contains provisions for vouchers that will remove funding from public schools. As a sitting school board director in my local district I am well aware of the impact loss of revenue will have on our district and of the negative impacts to our students. Please show your support for our children and public schools and vote NO on SB 727 - Koenig.



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I oppose this bill



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There are so many things wrong with this bill. There is no reason to expand the MOScholars program for anything above board. The way this is being rushed through says it all. This process is deceptive. The bill is deceptive. DESE hides behind the word "proprietary." The MAP test is a huge problem. Schools know it. We know it. Yet, the bill handler wants to massively expand the powers of DESE and cram more testing, data collection and surveillance down more people's throats. Missouri is not different. This will not stop here. Just as in other states, this legislation will have far reaching, negative consequences in education.



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Public money still belongs in public schools. Voucher feed public money to millionaires and only benefit the rich.



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This bill provides for government funded school choice without any regulation and oversight of state dollars. The fiscal note in the first two years is over a half a billion dollars alone and will grow. Public schools need public dollars and no research supports improving education through vouchers does so.



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I am Opposed to this Bill. This 100-Page Bill is loaded to the hilt with Provisions that are "Bill-Candy," by masking and hiding terrible Public Policy and Education Hidden Agendas of the Bill Sponsor. This Bill has way to many ramifications and sections of this Bill that are negative to Missouri. This Bill NEEDS to be Defeated as this Bill picks Winners & Losers.



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I am very opposed to this very huge and detrimental Educational Bill to Missouri Students and ALL of Our 518-Public School Districts. This Senator has a AX to grind and is in an ALL out Assault on Public Schools, trying to destroy each School District One (1) by One (1), while this Senator "Home-Schools" his children in West Saint Louis County. Go figure. I do NOT and Will NOT Trust this man with our State's Money in any capacity of State Treasurer. Defeat this Bill!



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Please oppose SB 727. Homeschooling families value our independence to educate our children free for the slippery slope and long arm of additional government oversight and over stepping. As seen another states these programs often have unintended or unforeseen consequences.Increasing a families dependence on government provided funds is never a positive thing.Thank you for your attention and for your service to our state.



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I have been either a student or an educator most of my life. I support public education to bring students together to learn together and work together. Student need to know and value common education goals of knowledge and develop skills to work together.



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When a 12 page bill goes to a 127 "perfected" bill (some would call it an omnibus) is a red flag! It bothers me that SB727 is being ushered through the House so quickly. The Democrats in the Senate had added enough to SB727 to make them okay with the bill so they didn't filibuster it. That concerns me. Republicans and Democrats have different worldviews on government and it is especially different when it comes to education and social services. For the Senate Democrats to have had a big enough part in the 146 page addition to SB727 for them to let it out of the Senate is a BIG RED FLAG. SLOW DOWN!!! What is the worst thing that can happen with this "reform."



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I am opposed to this bill.			



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SB727 is massive with not enough time to fully understand its full & long-term impact. Though the desire is to put more options with parents, it actually looks to give even more power to the state rather than local districts & parents. It's. Appears to still give options to some students, not all, which is not constitutional. Although affecting education in general, this bill pushes limits on being very broad and actually more than one subject, which is also unconstitutional. One section appears to pertain to Boone county only--again unconstitutional.



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Opposed to expansion of charter schools and Empowerment Scholarships because they take money away from public schools. Support sections about teacher salaries, teacher recruitment and retention scholarships, local school district control, small school grants, and early childhood programs. Even though the foundation formula has been "fully funded" for years, that funding is inadequate. Missouri lags behind nearly all other states in the funding of public education.



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This bill gives TOO MUCH POWER TO DESE! This government overreach has GOT TO STOP!			



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Expanding vouchers and/or ESA's makes no sense when those schools have no accountability for the public money they are receiving, besides their ability to choose who can come and who can't. The total cost of this bill will be half a billion dollars over the next two years, which will be paid out before all other public education funding. There is no evidence from any other state that open enrollment and vouchers improve education of students.



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We are currently opposed to SB 727 in its current form. We support parental choice in education, but this bill is filled with components that do not pertain to the stated purpose of the bill and therefore may make this bill in violation of the Missouri Constitution's Article 3, Section 23, one item per bill. We believe this bill may have the good intention of expanding school opportunities for families, but we believe this bill expands the DESE bureaucracy and does not do enough to protect homeschool families. This bill must eliminate all the sections that do not pertain to ESA scholarships and should make changes to further protect homeschoolers from any potential intrusion by the DESE bureaucracy.



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This is a voucher bill that strips money from public education. FULLY fund Public Education and remove all voucher language. Stop the money grab from public schools.



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Local control of schools is important. This bill of over 100 pages gives more control to DESE and causes more headaches to public schools and all schooling.



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I am against funding charter schools as I feel it takes much needed money away from public schools. There seems to be inadequate accountability and oversight of these schools. I urge the General Assembly to remove the provisions related to charter schools and Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program expansion.



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I strongly value my freedom and independence to educate my children in the manner of my choosing without the meddling of the government. Increased dependence on government funding never solves anything. I do NOT want government money involved here and I do NOT want any changes to the current law. Please vote against SB 727. Thank you.



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While there are some attractive things about the education omnibus SB 727, at the end of the day this bill is taking away public funds from public schools and this should be stopped. I am the parent of two young public school children and see every day the impact has on the lives of my children - and more importantly on those children with fewer resources - who will be harmed greatly with a reduction of funds to our schools. Please oppose SB 727.



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This is a voucher bill that strips money from public education. FULLY fund Public Education and remove all voucher language.



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Dear Honorable Members of the Committee, I encourage you to vote **NO** on SB727. This bill will cost way to much money, subjugate private schools and homeschooling families to unnecessary oversight and coercion to teach subject matter antithetical to what they believe their students should be learning. Most importantly, it is an unconstitutional bill for several reasons. Please vote **NO** on this bill.



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As a concerned citizen deeply invested in the welfare of our public education system, particularly in Missouri, I feel compelled to voice my strong opposition to SB 727. Missouri ranks 49th in education resources and 50th in teacher salaries, making it even more imperative to protect and enhance our public schools rather than diverting resources away from them. Regardless of the good things that have been added to this to make this bill more appealing it's still a voucher bill and private schools should not be getting public funding. First and foremost, vouchers divert crucial funding away from Missouri's already underfunded public schools, exacerbating the challenges they face. With limited resources, our public schools struggle to provide quality education for all students. Vouchers worsen this situation by redirecting taxpayer money to private institutions, leaving public schools with even fewer resources to support their students' needs, further widening the gap in educational equity. Furthermore, vouchers contribute to the erosion of accountability and transparency in education, exacerbating issues in Missouri's already struggling school system. Public schools in Missouri are held to rigorous standards of academic performance, financial management, and equitable treatment of students. However, private schools often operate with little oversight, allowing them to cherry-pick students, evade accountability measures, and even discriminate based on factors like socioeconomic status, religion, or academic ability. This lack of accountability not only undermines the quality of education but also compromises the rights and dignity of students, particularly in a state already grappling with educational challenges. Moreover, vouchers undermine the democratic foundation of public education in Missouri. Public schools serve as a common ground where students from diverse backgrounds come together to learn and grow. They are a cornerstone of our democracy, fostering civic engagement, social cohesion, and a sense of community. Vouchers fragment this shared experience by diverting public funds into private entities that are not beholden to the same principles of inclusivity and diversity. This fragmentation weakens the social fabric of our society and exacerbates existing divisions along lines of race, class, and ideology, particularly in a state where educational resources are already scarce. In conclusion, vouchers represent a dangerous assault on the principles of equity, accountability, and democracy that underpin our public education system, particularly in Missouri where educational challenges are already acute. Instead of investing in privatization schemes that benefit a select few, we must prioritize strengthening and supporting our public schools so that every child, regardless of their background or circumstances, has access to a high-quality education. It is imperative that we reject SB 727 and work towards building a more equitable and inclusive public education system for all Missourians. Thank you for considering my testimony.



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1. Tax credits reduce state revenue so reduce public funding for public students. 2. Anyone getting public money should have comparabe accountability and transparency.3. Expanding charters without a public request diminishes local control.4. No public money should be spent on faith based education.



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MOEEP-A believes that public money should be spent on public students. This bill diminishes that revenue. We believe in local control regarding charter expansion. We are concerned about the potential discrimination against IEP students because schools do not have to accept them even after they move their applications to the top. Public schools must take all comers and find way. We oppose this bill on these grounds.



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Although there are several positive aspects of SB727, the elements of expanding charter schools to Boone County and increasing access to empowerment scholarships are incredibly flawed. Empowerment scholarships were never intended to increase choice for children with disabilities and students with fewer resources; they are intended to provide tax rebates to influential constituents of Senator Koenig, Representative Christofanelli and others. Charter expansion to Boone County is a vendetta realized by Senator Rowden in his feud with the Columbia Public School District. We should expect continuous improvement from our public schools, but this expectation must be accompanied by respect, sincere support and adequate resources. There is wide consensus that Dr. Karla Eslinger is the correct choice to lead Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, so let us provide her with the opportunity to do so. Deny charter school and empowerment scholarship expansion at this time, directing the appropriate trust and resources to Dr. Eslinger. We will see the improvement we want and need in our public schools.



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With all due respect,Adding “ballot candy” to cover the core of the bill—it is STILL a voucher bill stripping money from public education. I still oppose this bill as long as that remains in it.



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As a retired school teacher I am writing this statement in opposition to SB 727. It is only through strengthening our public schools that our state educates All Students - leaving no child rural or urban behind. The answer is not by funding charter schools who's data shows no improvement in student achievement. Nor should public funding ever be allowed to be private or parochial schools as stated in the Constitution— separation of church and state. Rather fully fund our schools and increase teacher pay. By defunding our public schools this bill will further create a d Dual system other neither serves the education of the children nor the taxpayer's promise of free and accessible education for all children Deborah Donnelly223 CrownridgeChesterfield MO



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Public school money needs to stay in public schools. Vouchers take money away from them.



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My husband, Terry Henage and I are both retired teachers living in Audrain County. We spent our careers here raising two children who graduated from Mexico Public Schools. I am the Co-President of our local MRTA unit Audrain County Area Public School Retirees representing all public school employees and feel it is necessary to point out why I oppose most parts of this bill, but support others. First, I support statutory increases in teacher salaries with a funding mechanism to implement and sustain the increases, which results in a more secure retirement system for life. Educators deserve their hard-earned pensions. Likewise, a funding mechanism is missing from the SS#2 SCS SB 727 bill which includes provisions to bolster support for small and rural school districts like those in Audrain County through increased funding for the Small Schools Grant Program. I urge the General Assembly to include a funding mechanism for this program as well. The bill also wisely addresses key areas such as early childhood education programs, Teacher Recruitment and Retention State Scholarship Program, suicide prevention, career ladder, literacy promotion, and equity in funding allocation, among others. Each of these components reflects a commitment to advancing public education in Missouri and ensuring that all students have access to the resources and support they need to succeed. I fully support these proposals as well. What I don't support are Charter Schools, and Vouchers because those will have significant negative implications for our public education system. I urge the General Assembly to remove the provisions related to charter schools and the Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program expansion. It is imperative that any changes to our education system prioritize equity, accountability, and the best interests of all students and communities. The expansion of charter schools to Boone County is something that should be taken to a vote of the citizens who live in the county - local control ensures that the voices of the people are heard at the closest possible level of government. SS#2 SCS SB 727 adds all school districts located in Boone County to the list of school districts in which a charter school may be operated by any entity currently authorized to operate a charter school. Boone County would be exempt from provisions of current law that provide additional state aid to charter schools. Expansion of charter schools reduces the financial support from the state for all public schools in Missouri. SS#2 SCS SB 727 also, expands the maximum amount of tax credits available for the Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program that may be allocated in any year from \$50 million to \$75 million. That means \$25 million less will be going to our public schools. I oppose charter school and empowerment scholarship expansion as it reduces the resources for all public schools. This diversion of funds can lead to budget constraints, larger class sizes, and reduced resources for many students who remain in traditional public schools. Another major concern by the diversion of resources from traditional public schools to charter schools may lead to a decline in the overall quality of education for many students. Additionally, the bill fails to adequately address the accountability and oversight of charter schools. There is a risk of insufficient oversight and accountability for charter schools and entities that play a significant role in the operation of charter

schools. Charter schools receive public tax dollars and should be held to the same oversight and accountability standards as traditional public schools. Like the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, I care about education issues because they impact the quality, equity, and sustainability of public education in Missouri, as well as the rights and interests of educators and support staff working in public schools across the state. Our schools are the heartbeat of our local communities. We owe it to all students to make our calling their pathway to success in life through equal opportunities, resources and our unwavering support of public education.



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Public money should stay in PUBLIC SCHOOLS!! As a taxpayer, I am OPPOSED to my public-good tax dollars going to PRIVATE schools!!



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This bill is still a voucher bill stripping money from public education. Public funds need to stay in public education for the benefit of all citizens.



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As public school special education teacher, diverting funds from the public schools to provide vouchers for students to attend private schools devalues the school system and will eventually lead to even less funds to provide a quality education to the community it serves. Our founding fathers designed public education to promote the populace so that it's people can be educated enough to make quality decisions for our democracy. Schools are asked to do what the rest our society cannot/will not do to meet the needs of our youngest citizens. They are needed to ensure our democracy can be maintained and not the few with more means to be able to control and dictate what our children learn. Less funds to our public schools will also reduce the quality of instruction available as staffing and facilities will be impacted. When public school quality is reduced so does its property value and in turn the cycle continues. Where public schools are more funded families desire to live in those areas and want to send their children there, which shows how funding not removing funds through vouchers improves the quality of education children receive. All children should have an opportunity to receive a quality public school education as created by our earliest leaders and if parents want an alternative type of education for their children they have the right to chose that, but not have it paid for by public funding. As taxpayers we pay (whether we like it or not) for certain public services (roads, political offices, first responders, schools) because of the need for them to have a productive and safe community to live in. If we take money in the form of vouchers from public schools, what comes next? I may not agree with or support my elected officials or use certain roads/community services, so shouldn't I get to take the money I pay for them and only have my taxes dollars pay for the ones I really want or need? Once vouchers become a common place way to divert public funds into private industries, it becomes a slippery slope for determining how much of democracy we will have. The rights of a few should not outweigh the rights of a majority. Public schools are needed to benefit and promote a just and civilized society and protect our democratic process!



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Public money should stay with public schools!			



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Tonight, I am reading multiple Emails all of which are opposing SS #2 SCS SB 727. The overwhelming opposition to this bill from organizations that are watchdogs for Public School Education should be listened to by this committee. These organizations include MSBA, MRTA, MNEA, & others. I regret that I cannot appear in person before the committee. I oppose any action which takes funding from Missouri's Public Schools and gives it to charter schools which are not subjected to public board oversight, elected by district patrons and that are not required to follow the same state statutes & DESE regulations as their public school counterparts! This includes the so called "empowerment scholarships" that would also reduce public school fiscal support and reduces the pool of monies that would go toward education support. I am a Warrensburg R-VI School Board Member. Our Board is facing some tough financial & program decisions post ESSER which we may have to cut programs for which the ESSER funds gave temporary relief. The aftermath of the budgetary hole created by the absence of ongoing support from the state for the lack of ESSER funding is huge! Please, do not pass this bill out of your committee!



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I'm not in favor of this bill



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It's time to reject all bills involving vouchers and charters. In effect if not intent these efforts to promote "school choice" undermine the public schools that are mandated by the MO Const. (and I suspect often this is the intent). Instead, provide better funding for public schools and pass bills that strengthen them and improve educational outcomes, rather than supporting the escapist "solutions" of charters and vouchers, which damage school finances and instead of improving problematic public schools leave the most needy students in the worst schools because they will be unable or unwilling to exercise school choice. One reason many are unwilling to do so is the desire to have their children attend neighborhood schools. I am a former school board member (2014-2023; University City) and my three kids all attended our local public schools K-12 (U City HS classes of 2006, 2011, 2016).



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I am against the potential diversion of public funds and student enrollment from local public schools and districts, like Webster Groves School District, to private educational institutions, with comparatively limited oversight. I am concerned that there are no stipulations within the bill to restrain potential future expansions. I m also shocked that the state is willing to take on the projections estimated to increase in state costs, totaling \$467 million, at a time when state revenues may not be adequately robust to accommodate such expenses.



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Fewer resources for public schoolsMRTA opposes charter school and empowerment scholarship expansion as it reduces the resources for all public schools. This diversion of funds can lead to budget constraints, larger class sizes, and reduced resources for many students who remain in traditional public schools. Another major concern is the diversion of resources from traditional public schools to charter schools may lead to a decline in the overall quality of education for many students.Lack of Accountability of Charter SchoolsAdditionally, the bill fails to adequately address the accountability and oversight of charter schools. There is a risk of insufficient oversight and accountability for charter schools and entities that play a significant role in the operation of charter schools. Charter schools receive public tax dollars and should be held to the same oversight and accountability standards as traditional public schools.In light of these concerns, we urge the General Assembly to remove the provisions related to charter schools and Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program expansion. It is imperative that any changes to our education system prioritize equity, accountability, and the best interests of all students and communities. The expansion of charter schools to Boone County is something that should be taken to a vote of the citizens that live in the county - local control ensures that the voices of the people are heard at the closest possible level of government.



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I, Jacqueline Coop, retired teacher currently working 550 hours in public school districts, am testifying to express my concerns regarding the recent open enrollment bill that has been proposed in Missouri. I feel SB727 has potential detrimental consequences on our public school education system. Public schools are the backbone of many of our communities. Open enrollment could lead to overextending resources for public schools if students are allowed to transfer freely between districts. This puts a hardship on already fixed budgets and/or plan for the number of transferring students into and out of their districts. As a special educator, I am also concerned about meeting the needs of students with disabilities if they are transferring between district and transportation service issues when required by their IEPs. The bill may compound educational inequalities. Schools in affluent, better-off areas may attract a higher number of students, leaving schools in substandard neighborhoods which in turn could backslide our work in keeping schools as equitable as possible and hinder academic success. The bill may inadvertently promote a culture of competition among schools, focusing more on enrollment numbers or in stronger athletic programs than the quality of education provided. I urge our lawmakers to talk to Superintendents and Principals in the areas they serve in order to better understand the long-term ramifications of this open enrollment bill on the education system in Missouri before making community altering decisions. While the intention may be to provide choice and flexibility, we as stewards of ALL MISSOURI STUDENTS must ensure that it does not come at the expense of the quality of education and the well-being of our students. ALL STUDENTS MATTER.



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Opposing SB727 for a few reasons: tax credits involved; remove any oversights or responsibilities of DESE; amendments added need to be removed. Is being rushed through without sufficient vetting and research.



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I, Jane Bowden, a retired teacher of 32 years, an 84 year old voter, and taxpayer of our state urge you as legislators to look at the "BIG PICTURE "of education. I oppose Charter Schools and Empowerment Scholarship Expansion because they are not going to "fix" education. Many rural school (where I taught) have all ready lost their schools because of funding that went to support other identities such as Charter Schools or no moneys for teacher salaries. Macon, Knox, and Lewis counties are good examples of this. There are towns in these counties that very little exist - they are like ghost towns. There are many other communities across Missouri where this has also happened. Charter schools and Empowerment Scholarship Expansion take money away from public schools. The schools are the heartbeat of the community. Rural communities need their schools. My vision as an educator is to protect and promote all children in Missouri and give all children a fair and equal education so thriving communities can exist in our state.I appreciate this opportunity to testify against the Charter School and Empowerment Scholarship Expansion bills. Thank you.



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Please vote against this abomination.			



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Vouchers and school choice programs defund and destabilize public education which serves the vast majority of Missouri's student population. Cost overruns and abuses have been seen across the country where such programs have been implemented and we have no business following suit.<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/pennsylvania-legislature-school-vouchers-josh-shapiro-20240326.html> I oppose this legislation and would ask you to do the same.



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SB727 had started out as a 15-page bill with the purpose of expanding vouchers, with some very concerning changes being made to a program that hasn't been fully utilized in the few years it's been in place. When the expansion increased the allowances for vouchers to 400% of the FRL levels, it seemed that it was well beyond the original scope of HB349 when implemented. Then, it picked up the expansion of charter schools into Boone County, Saint Louis County and Saint Charles, it turned into a vehicle to put a large hole into public school education with the two-pronged approach. From the initial 15-page bill, the SCS increased it into a 75-page bill and then finally into a more than 150 page bill in size and scope. There are some items that were added to the bill that are pro-public schools, such as increase of minimum teacher pay to \$40,000, incentives to keep a five-day school week, \$5 million for a literacy fund, boosts for the career ladder, as well as other items. Charter school expansion was removed in St Charles County and St Louis County, though retained in Boone County, as a nod to Sen Rowden's home area. The FRL cap was decreased downwards from 400% to 300%, though the voucher program still expands out to \$75, plus the ratcheting mechanism to keep it increasing over time. None of the "ballot candy"-type items have any funding mechanisms in place beyond the scope of the initial items in the bill, so it's unclear how these items could be maintained long-term. Charter school expansion still happens in another area of MO, which is anti-public education, as is the increase in the voucher allowances and total program amounts. These pro-public education items were only added to try and get support from those people that are on the fence or against the bill as originally envisioned, so their true reasons for being added are suspect at best. Even a number of the Senators that voted on the amendments ended up voting against the bill in its perfected form, because at its core, it's anti-public education with the direction of public dollars to vouchers and the expansion of charter schools, which takes public dollars away from public education. All of the added items would have been useful items on their own piece of education legislation, so it's a concern that they were added to an unpalatable bill to get further support than it would have had on its own. Maybe next year, before the budget surplus completely disappears, we re-visit the non-voucher / non-charter expansion items in this bill and do something truly useful for public education with these added items and put them into existence. As this bill stands, it's still an attack on public education, dressed up in a more favorable appearing package. It can't be supported as-is, which is a shame for that. It would be appreciated if items like increasing base teacher pay, five-day school week incentives, that have a benefit on public education would be put forth on their own without the added issues of needing to get them with increased efforts to privatize local education with charters and voucher expansion. This will should be sent back to the drawing board and split into two, mainly since if there's supposed support for voucher expansion and charter expansion, it should be allowed to stand on its own to see how much support it would get. Same with the public-school enhancement items that were added to this bill, they should be allowed to stand on their own and see how much

support they truly have. I think people would be surprised to see which ones would have the better support. SB727, as written in its 150+ page current form, should be not allowed to continue and it should be sent back to the drawing board. I read through all of the bill text, it wasn't an easy or light read, though it's important to get the full flavor of an omnibus-sized attempt to try and get voucher expansion and charter school expansion at all costs, wrapped in amenities for public school to gain support. No thank you, we're not interested in voucher or charter expansion, not now, not ever. Fund public schools as they should be, and you'll be surprised with the results.



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I OPPOSE this bill. This is giving more control to bureaucrats and making government bigger. Remove DESE from our state. We want our private schools and homeschooling to stay private. Reduce our taxes rather than taking our money and then throwing some back to us with conditions. The churches and schools should be helping parents that can't afford to move schools, not the government.



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I am very opposed to SB 727, as many in Missouri are. It is a danger to our private schools and homeschools. Giving DESE anymore authority would be devastating, as they have already wrecked our public school system. I wish the representatives would represent the people, instead of lobbyist groups. Please keep this bill from progressing any further. Jennifer Gore Retired teacher



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The way in which this bill has flown through the House and Senate is startling. People should have a chance to go through this bill before passing it. I know enough to know that nothing good ever, ever, ever gets sped through like this bill has been. Stop and read it!!



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I oppose this bill. This bill is about diverting taxpayer dollars funding a private school education or a non-public / parochial school education for a select group of students. Regardless of a misinformed trend in some states, since when did government pay for private endeavors of a select group or comingle "church and state" funding and education? WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY. When the open enrollment bill was being discussed on the floor a few weeks ago, several representatives acknowledged the sponsor's work on the bill. He made sound arguments as did those posing questions. I bring it up to point out that was about children enrolled in public schools choosing another public school. I am not in favor of that approach to reach the goals stated but at least that it is public to public schools – and taxpayers funding public schools. And, not only are those tax dollars being diverted to privatization and parochial schools, the public schools lose funding, enrollment, community and neighborhood identity, and local interest and support. Schools that lose funding and enrollment, particularly smaller school districts and schools subsequently combine classes, cut the very opportunities you claim parents want, cut teachers, have more difficulty attracting teachers or lose teacher to more financially stable districts. This is not providing choice, this is taking funding and children out of the public system and handing them over to privatization. Furthermore, these children and funds are diverted to schools without the regulations and accountability of public schools and without the assurances of having a certificated professional teacher, accountable trained staff, and school leaders further trained and certificated in the field of education. What I heard on the House floor in the open enrollment debate was: "If there are so many problems or issues with some schools, why don't we address those problems and issues?" Excellent question. There are dozens of bills proposed that would to some degree offer professional flexibility and autonomy to improve schools, improve teacher salaries and a much-needed career development program, address safety issues, and many more. So what is the problem you are trying to fix with vouchers and more charter schools? It can't be about academics, learning, quality teaching, and effective programs because the evidence is clear: vouchers do not work. And, you must realize the REPUBLICAN PUSHBACK across the south (Texas couldn't get vouchers through four emergency sessions last year). How else do you explain the dozen Democrat and Republican bills tacked on to this one. If your goal is to enhance learning, professionalism, community engagement and educating every student well, vouchers do not work. The evidence is compelling. I sent over 50 in an email to your committee. Respectfully submitted



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This bill is not small government conservative and should be scrapped for a real conservative plan.



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No vouchers ever in Missouri! Public money should go to public schools ONLY! Don't hide it in an omnibus bill. Protect public education and invest in it!!



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- with the shekels come the shackles - we value our independence and do not want more government control- 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- similar programs have had negative unintended consequences in other states- increased dependence on government funding does not solve any issue (universal health care, universal basic income, etc.)



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I oppose this bill because public dollars belong in public schools. Remove the voucher language from this bill. My tax dollars should NEVER go to schools that do not have publicly elected boards. With the amount of legislation we've seen regarding schools and parents' rights it is illogical to support vouchers to send children to schools where there is even less transparency and less regulation regarding teacher certification and background checks. If public dollars are going to be allowed to go to private schools then those schools should be required to adhere to all of the same rules and regulations as public schools including admission of all students regardless of race, gender, religion or disability.



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Many of our Republican legislators are attempting to come up with a solution to give the parents "choice" in their children's education. Most of those options involve making government money available to private school/homeschoolers. Many homeschoolers staunchly oppose government involvement in their children's education, and it's for good reason. With government money comes government control. I think most are looking at this issue based on an incorrect understanding of what government's proper role is. Government was created to be a protector of our rights to life, liberty, and property. Government can fulfill other basic functions, but it should never undermine its primary reason for existence in doing so. Our current model of holding citizens property/real estate hostage in order to fund government "schools" is contrary to the founding principles of our republic. It is socialist in nature, and it undermines government's very reason for existence. You want real Ed reform? Tackle this issue. Stop holding our property hostage in order to fund government "schools", and restore government back to its proper role of being a protector of our rights to life, liberty, and property. Stop taking our money and offering it back to us. Let parents decide how to best educate their own children, and get government out of the way. **WE BELIEVE** government governs best when it governs least.



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This bill is a threat to private schools and possibly home schools. I am totally in opposition to it. Thank you, Joan Langenberg



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**I oppose this bill as it takes taxpayer money away from public schools. I am not in favor of vouchers.
Thank you.**



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NO, NO, NO to SB 727 This bill is severely flawed...! It gives more **POWER AND MONEY TO DESE!**
That's a big NO! If schools are considered "government schools" --simple resolution - take the government out of the schools and return it to **LOCAL CONTROL ONLY!** Create a bill that does that!!
This will NOT let the parents choose freely - too much influence will enter the system via NGOs over which parents will have **NO CONTROL** of the children's education. It won't stop bad schools from being formed - there are many charter schools that already exist that are indoctrination centers without the parents even realizing it Tired of bills that continue to pick "winners and losers" Jill Carter's bill is the one that should be considered instead **SB 814 Educational Freedom Act**



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As a former public educator with 26 years' experience in one of Missouri's most affluent school districts, I can attest that public school districts with ample funding can provide a superior educational experience to their students. They can attract high-quality educators who in turn invest their passion and talent in the education of their students; they can provide the cutting-edge technology and broad curricula required to prepare students to succeed in the ever-evolving world they will enter upon graduating. However, not every district enjoys the benefits of ample funding, and taking money away from those school systems will only impede their ability to provide the kind of education that every student deserves. Instead of diverting money to unproven start-up schools that are subjected to little to no oversight, why not reconfigure the financing formula that disadvantages public schools in low- and middle-income areas? Democratize the education funding system so that the democracy we cherish, which relies on a free, quality public education, can be sustained. Zip codes should not doom families to a caste system of impoverished opportunity. Further, prioritize education by actually applying the dizzying proceeds of the various lottery systems that were justified by claims of increasing funding for education. The bait-and-switch campaign to legalize lotteries has cheated our children. I stand opposed to SB 727 and its aim to divest in public education. Our democracy relies on a well-educated populace, and this bill will erode the capacity of the system that is crucial in achieving that goal.



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The "scholarships" take money from public schools. Fund current public schools NOT private schools that DO NOT take everyone.



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This bill is a voucher bill stripping money from public education: PUBLIC MONEY SHOULD STAY WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



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Public money must go to public schools! This is still a democracy and we still have the right to the separation of church and state. "Church" isn't public and public money shouldn't go to ANY private organization. Instead of allowing money to be diverted from public schools, which will only serve to weaken them more, money should flow TO public schools.



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I am NOT in support of SB 727 due to the potential to divert public funds from public schools to private schools and the potential increase in state costs.



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I see this SB 727 as STILL stripping money from Public Education! I am therefore opposed to it!			



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Any bill that is in support of school vouchers is a no from me. It strips money from the Public Education system which is direly underfunded. I am in opposition.



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Missouri Jobs with Justice Voter Action is a statewide organization committed to building an economy and a democracy that works for all of us. We work with faith leaders, students, union members, and everyday Missourians—Black, Brown, and White—to build a state where we can all thrive. We work to build workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities where each of us has what we need for a safe and healthy life, from cradle to grave. Our public schools educate our kids, but they also strengthen our communities for all of us. As a cornerstone of our democracy, every school should be fully funded with the resources to deliver quality education that prepares every child to reach their full potential. Taking public funds and moving that money to private schools through tuition tax credit style voucher programs takes resources away from the 90 percent of Missouri's children who attend public schools. Public money must come with public accountability. All schools that seek public funding must have the same standards of accountability, transparency, and respect for the rights of students, staff, and parents. We are not uniformly opposed to charter schools. But we do believe public money must have public accountability. By refusing to fall under the jurisdiction of locally elected school boards, we believe charter schools forfeit the right to public funding. No matter what we look like, where we come from, or what's in our wallets, all Missourians want our kids to get the best education possible. We urge you to vote against SB727.



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This is a voucher bill that strips money from public education. FULLY fund Public Education and remove all voucher language.



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As a retired public school teacher I urge you to stop taking our tax dollars to fund private schools. I should also mention that my own children did attend Catholic schools k-8. So many areas of our state don't have a private school to attend but the districts will still feel the cuts in their budgets.



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I am opposed to SB 727			



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I am firmly opposed to SB 727 simply because many of its provisions do not advance our public education system in Missouri. The bill allows for public dollars to pay Missouri students to attend schools without adequate accountability measures, like all other "public" schools in the state. In addition, the entire cost of the measure will significantly affect Missouri's funding formula and have triggers tied to particular funding mechanisms in the current funding formula.



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This bill directly attacks my son who is on the Autism spectrum. It is clear most legislators have not read this whole bill or have research on their own. This bill doesn't solve any root causes. This is just a money grab for private schools. This a bill for "haves" and doesn't help the "have nots"



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Public funds should only go to public schools.



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As a homeschool mom as well as a concerned citizen of missouri, I strongly oppose this bill. It has turned into an education omnibus that grows DESE as well as the budget in numerous ways. While I understand the purpose is to allow children to get out of failing districts, what I believe it will accomplish is allowing the same people who ruined public Ed to ruin private and home education. I do not believe this bill protects homeschoolers from the equal protection clause of the constitution. The homeschool community as a whole just wants to be left out of this and left alone. I ask that you vote in opposition to this bill.



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My children have attended both private and public schools. This bill would strip money away from our public school education and give it to parents for vouchers. If parent chooses anparent chooses a private school for their child, that is their right, but they need to pay for it themselves. I absolutely oppose stripping public funding of our public schools.



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Concerns about equal education opportunities for all students in Missouri should not hinder or compromise the legislative and financial support of public school districts. Vocational funds and business resources should be used for at-risk school districts to prepare their students for future job opportunities through skill training, job placement and character enrichment education. Private, church and charter schools are self-funded and not state funded. Thank you for your service and efforts to enhance our state's educational systems in Missouri. .



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I am against this and other efforts to defund public education. This is absolutely the opposite of what Missouri students, parents and teachers need at this time. We are facing massive teacher shortages and learning loss from Covid. Plus Missouri continues to rank very low compared to other states for public education funding, teacher salaries and performance outcomes. Let's fund education to its fullest, not use these bills as a cover to defund public education, which we all rely on to prepare future neighbors, colleagues and friends to be citizens.



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Public money should be spent on public schools. Make public schools better for all. Tax money should not go to private schools.



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Public money should stay in public schools! I have held a Missouri teaching certification for 15 years, and all of my teaching years have been spent in Missouri public schools. Vouchers hurt public school students and will eventually cause a fine line between separation of church and state. If you want to help public education and promote equity for all students, you need to increase funding to smaller school districts. I work in a larger school district, and I'm heartbroken by the discrepancy I witness in the smaller districts surrounding us. Effective teachers leave those districts in droves in order to secure a better financial situation for their families. This is not fair to the students in those districts, and vouchers are NOT the solution. Let's start making PUBLIC education a priority in our state...without pretending that's our goal by disguising faux concern for our students with unethical attempts to funnel public money to private Christian schools. Vouchers are not fooling any of us.



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I understand it is important to provide educational options and flexibility, but the expansion of charter schools will have a negative impact on our public education system. It will reduce resources for all public schools. The diversion of funds can lead to budget constraints larger class sizes and reduce reduced resources for many students who remain in traditional public schools. another concern is the diversion of resources from traditional public schools to charter schools could lead to a decline in the overall quality of education for many students. Also, the bill fails to address the accountability and oversight of charter schools. There's a risk of insufficient oversight and accountability for charter schools and entities that play a significant role in the operation of charter schools. Charter schools receive public tax dollars and should be held to the same oversight and accountability standards as traditional public schools. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Thank you.



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Please oppose this bill!			



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As a retired teacher from Lathrop RII School District, I am opposed to charter school and voucher expansion. Missouri has many excellent schools. Public schools are the heart of small towns. Funding for public schools is essential so students can receive the best education provided by skill educators. As a teacher of 31 1/2 years in public education, I saw children thrive. Some of the children had few resources at home, so what our school provided was essential for their development and education. Public schools need to be fully funded. Thank you for listening to me; and thank you for caring for those too young to speak for themselves.



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Tax funding should not be directed to any charter school or religion affiliated schools. Separation of church and state!!! This bill leads to inequitable student outcomes and further stresses existing district public school funding. Keep tax funding in the public school districts with which they are paid! Public schools need the funding to improve access and education for the same target students. Charter and/or private, and religious-based schools do not equitably address the challenges of low-income students/families and further contributes to the financial stresses of our wonderful public schools.



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This bill is a massive omnibus nightmare that should be stopped. The cost of this bill is enormous. It is also unconstitutional. Please stop this bill from moving forward.



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I oppose SB 727, because of the money it takes from public education.



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I am a retired educator and a strong supporter of public education. If the people supporting this bill would support public education instead then we could provide appropriate academics for every student in Missouri. With funding we can keep the best educators and invest in the technology, facilities and atmospheres conducive to learning.



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Honorable Members of the Committee, The Missouri AFL-CIO, the voice for working Missourians, respectfully opposes Senate Bill 727. Charter schools will divert resources away from traditional public schools, leading to increased segregation and inequality in education. Furthermore, charter schools have a lack of accountability and transparency in terms of how they operate and use public funds. It's important to consider the potential impact on the overall education system before expanding charter schools further. For these reasons, The Missouri AFL-CIO respectfully urges a "No" vote on Senate Bill 727.



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Keep Public funds in public schools.



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Vouchers are another way to undercut public education. Public money shouldn't be used for private or charter schools.



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I am opposed to this bill because it expands government and opens the door for increased regulations on education which limits freedom.



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As a mother of four children, including a current 9th grader and a current 4th grader I OPPOSED SB 727. While the authors have tried to hide vouchers within a larger catch-all, the underlying inclusion of vouchers renders this bill unacceptable. Money for public education must remain with public schools. Public education is a key foundation of our democracy. Undermining public education hurts our children and our state.



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My son goes to a charter school yet I do NOT support taking money from traditional public schools, especially not to give to charter schools. I don't believe these types of bills are really about choice. I believe they are about people wanting to destroy traditional public schools bc they don't believe that every child should have easy access to well funded, secular schools. Why not? Bc these schools have strong teachers unions and bc no one profits from these schools.



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While many elements of this extensive bill are appealing, the continued inclusion of a voucher/credit system is unacceptable. Until public schools are fully funded and supported in the work they do, a voucher/credit system should not siphon monies from the state to be used in private settings. Much of Missouri is rural and vouchers mean little or nothing since charter schools or other alternatives are not available. Further, unregulated home schooling is a disservice to children and society. Public schools exist as a foundational element of our society. Parents do not own children nor do they have exclusive "rights" over their education. Our society is stronger when children are educated by professionals among other children from throughout their community. I strongly oppose this bill unless all provisions related to vouchers/credits are removed.



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Public money is for public schools. If you want a private school education for your kids, that is your choice, but it should not be subsidized by tax dollars. Look, tax money pays for public transportation. If I choose to drive, should I get tax money to subsidize buying a car or for buying gas? We all have the freedom to make choices. But that doesn't mean we're entitled to government subsidies if we choose not to use the government supplied resources. Keep tax money in public schools and improve them. The way to a better future is through improving public education available to ALL students. No vouchers!



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I am **OPPOSED** to funding private education via ANY voucher or credits. I do **NOT** support **REIMBURSEMENT** of money to people who **ALREADY** send their kids to religious & or private schools. My tax dollars are **TO FULLY FUND** Public Education for **EVERYONE**. This leaves our rural kids **ZERO** options and our Public Schools on 4 day school weeks. This impacts not only education but our communities, who would buy a home in an area with a 4 day school week? This bill destroys our public schools, our communities or property values and our children's ability to create meaningful relationships within their own neighborhoods. Parents have a **CHOICE NOW**, public school or **PRIVATE** school at their expense, not on our tax dollars.



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WITNESS NAME: PEGGY HASSLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Honorable Members of the Missouri State Legislature,I write to you as an advocate for public education. I am firmly opposed to the implementation of vouchers. Vouchers, in essence, threaten to undermine the very foundation of our public education system and inflict harm upon the students who depend on it most. It is paramount to recognize that vouchers divert essential funds away from public schools, directing them instead to individuals who are already privileged in life.By funneling taxpayer dollars into private institutions lacking the same level of accountability and transparency as public schools, vouchers pave the way for a system where educational access becomes a privilege rather than a right. These private entities are afforded the liberty to cherry-pick their students, further exacerbating inequality in educational opportunities.Let's interrogate the repercussions of such policies: What becomes of the children who lack the means to access private education? Can we genuinely aspire to progress as a society when we fail to provide equitable educational opportunities for all our citizens? It is imperative that we safeguard the interests of the less fortunate and refrain from funneling our tax dollars into for-profit institutions that only serve to widen the chasm between the affluent and the underprivileged.I implore you to adamantly oppose any legislation that includes provisions for vouchers. Please stand with me in defense of our public education system, ensuring that every child, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to receive a quality education that will empower them to thrive and contribute meaningfully to our society.Peggy Hassler



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I value the independence we have in Missouri as home educators and do not want any government involvement, which could have unintended consequences as seen in other states.



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WITNESS NAME: REBEKAH MASSMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a private school parent, and I do NOT support expanding voucher programs. I want my public dollars that I pay in taxes to support my local public schools, which are doing great work. Just because I personally have made a choice to spend my money on a different school for my children does not mean that the kids who need resources the most should suffer. Please do not pass this omnibus bill with the voucher language in it.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. DR. MICHAEL DUNN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Michael Dunn. I am a new resident of Missouri. I oppose this bill on principal. People should have a choice where and how they educate their children. But because this bill includes a voucher system it takes much needed funds that now supports public education. It drains critical resources from public education that is already inadequately funded - especially in terms of teacher salaries. I ask that you to vote in opposition to this bill and keep funds with Public Education.



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I am opposed to this and any other "omnibus" bill. These topics should be considered and voted on individually.



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WITNESS NAME: RON BERRY		PHONE NUMBER: 660-537-2239	
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WITNESS NAME: RON CALZONE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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SB 727 is chock full of unintended consequences, many of which actually work against the concept of school choice.-The first thing to note is that this bill was passed in violation of limits placed on the legislative process in Article III of the Missouri Constitution, including the single subject requirement, the prohibition of changing the original purpose of a bill through amendments, and the prohibition of passing local or special laws where a general law is possible.-- SB 727 also included provisions that are unconstitutional on their face. Subsidizing private education choices through tax credits as done in this bill violate:-- Article III, Section 36 of the Missouri Constitution, because it has the effect of "divert [ing]" money from the treasury independent of the appropriation process.-- Article III, Section 38(a) of the Missouri Constitution, which states that "The general assembly shall have no power to grant public money or property, or lend or authorize the lending of public credit, to any private person, association or corporation..."-- Article III, Section 39(5) of the Missouri Constitution because it has the effect of "releas[ing] or extinguish[ing]... without consideration... the indebtedness, liability or obligation of... [a] corporation or individual".-- Article III, Sections 21 and 23 because the purpose of the bill was changed through amendments, and the final title violates the clear title requirement.--- SB 727 expands the power of government, particularly the size and authority of DESE. DESE is the primary problem with public education, so expanding its role may be the worst thing you can do.- The most offensive result of the bill would be the intrusion of the state into private schools, including home schools. It is not clear how much that intrusion will affect even those private school families that don't accept subsidies.--- SB 727 is NOT a free market approach to education and includes a host of unintended consequences.-- Tax Credits are government subsidies on the backs of the neighbors who receive the subsidies. That is a form of socialism.-- It should be noted that the \$25 million addition to the "school choice" subsidies will only *possibly* help about 4/10 of one percent of the 870,000 K-12 kids in the state. (That's 0.004.) (Assuming \$6000 per student.) The tradeoff in growth of government and budget is not work that small gain, if it is a gain at all.-- It has NEVER been the conservative thing to accept "school choice" with strings attached, so SB 727 is not consistent with any conservative or Republican agenda.-- The subsidies in SB 727, like all subsidies (e.g. the student loan program for higher ed), will increase the cost of private schools. As a result, the families that don't receive the subsidies in SB 727 will face increased costs -- as a result, some of them may no longer be able to afford to send their kids to private schools.-- Although the cost is subject to debate, it looks like the cost to taxpayers will be between \$250 million and \$800 million. That increased cost will ultimately increase the tax burden of everyone, so some families currently sending their kids to private schools may no longer be able to afford it.----- Those unintended consequences will likely result in even less than the .004 increase in "school choice" kids.-----The PRINCIPLED solution to the failing government schools would include:-- For the kids stuck in the failing government schools, give back control of local schools to the people who care most about those kids – their parents. Trust them.

- Wrest back the local control that was stolen by the 1992 Senate Bill 380 – the so-called “Outstanding Schools Act.”- Relegate DESE to its original role, not the central planning behemoth it has become.- Allow “portability” by preventing someone’s resident school district from locking them into that district. Parents should have the option of moving their children, along with the per-pupil state funding, to any other government school that will accept them. The receiving school should have complete discretion whether to accept or reject out-of-district students. Parents are responsible for transportation.- And if you want to give home school and private school families some relief, let them keep what is theirs to start with. Any family with school age children who are not using the government schools should not have to pay school taxes.



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I do not support the use of public money for private schools through vouchers. Public education is a public good that benefits everyone, whether they have children in school or not, whether they send their kids to private schools or not. If people choose to send their kids to private school, they can pay for it or apply for scholarships from the school.



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I am opposed to this Bill. Please do not pass it, because it will hurt too many folks that I love.



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I am opposed to the expansion of charter schools and vouchers. While I do support an increase in teacher pay, I also do not think it is fair to give schools unfunded mandates.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH WALTERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please remove the voucher bill stripping money from public education as part of the education omnibus! I am concerned about the state of public education for all of our society and we must protect money for public schools!



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Any bill that is in support of school vouchers is a no from me. It strips money from the Public Education system which is direly underfunded. I am in opposition.



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I fully support public education. I have family members who are/were educated through the public school system. It is a great opportunity with fantastic educational experiences, social experiences, and filled up diversity. This bill is harmful and I completely oppose it.



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We should be fully funding and supporting our public schools which are led by locally elected school boards before we expand funding for other options.



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I pay taxes to support public institutions and state and local governments. I do not pay taxes to support private schools. Public money should go to public schools.



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While there are some great additions to this bill, I can not in good conscience support it as long as the voucher provision remains-vouchers will ultimately strip funding from public education. Fully fund education AND remove the voucher portion!



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This would expand unaccountable charter schools into more communities without consulting the local school board, while also expanding vouchers that divert resources away from students in neighborhood public schools in favor of a few students attending private institutions with little oversight or accountability. Public dollars belong only in public schools.



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Public tax money should only go to educational facilities that actually follow all the state education laws. There should not be carve outs for other facilities. If they want the public money, they should follow the state laws. If they don't want to follow the laws, then they don't get the money. It's their choice. Allowing more and more schools to only go 4 days to save money will hurt students.



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Although there are provisions of this bill that are positive for education in Missouri (assuming funding for those things is appropriated annually), I strongly oppose the expansion of charter schools into Boone County. Voters in Boone County have approved our current levies and bonds. Voters have also selected our current board. They have not approved local funds being used to support a second parallel public system. If an expenditure is to be made with local tax dollars, it should be approved by local citizens or by those elected to make those decisions on behalf of the community. If the allure of charter schools is that they have more flexibility to operate and they are not subject to the same assessments as their traditional public counterparts, the solution is to loosen the grip on existing public schools rather than create a second system. Spending more to educate the same kids is a waste of public tax dollars and should not be supported.



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Government governs best when it governs least. We should ALL know that by now. Or we should have learned that by now. This bill is adding more government to our state that is overloaded with government control. Please STOP the madness of government control. Let the parents use their money to decide what is best for their children. The government sure doesn't need to be in charge of that job. You are taking away the rights of parents. The government takes our money and has control of the decisions. That is Marxist. Government should be the protector of our rights to Life, Liberty, and property. They should NOT hold our property hostage through taxes or other means. I urge you to NOT pass this bill that holds parents hostage to the government.



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Many families choose to homeschool their children due to overwhelming government involvement and indoctrination in their children's education. I am vehemently opposed to any subsidies, as there is always another side to the coin, Government interference. Let parents do what parents have done since the beginning of ages and teach their children according to their beliefs and convictions. Thank you for your consideration.



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Kill this bill now! This monster is an atrocity, working completely against of the good of Missouri's children! This bill is a slap in the face of all parents seeking the BEST Education possible for their children. It works against "the fundamental right of parents or guardians to serve as the primary authority to determine and direct the nurturing, healthcare, education, guidance, discipline, religious, and moral upbringing of their children, including the ability to home-school or send children to faith-based schools, free of burdensome government regulation" (From the Missouri State GOP Platform.) The PRINCIPLED solution to the failing government schools... For the kids stuck in the failing government schools, give back control of local schools to the people who care most about those kids – their parents. Trust them. Wrest back the local control that was stolen by the 1992 Senate Bill 380 – the so-called "Outstanding Schools Act." Relegate DESE to its original role, not the central planning behemoth it has become. Allow "portability" by preventing someone's resident school district from locking them into that district. Parents should have the option of moving their children, along with the per-pupil state funding, to any other government school that will accept them. The receiving school should have complete discretion whether to accept or reject out-of-district students. Parents are responsible for transportation. And if you want to give home school and private school families some relief, let them keep what is theirs to start with. Any family with school age children who are not using the government schools should not have to pay school taxes. If the above was not sufficient justification for killing this bill now, its un-constitutionality seals the deal: This scheme is unconstitutional because it uses tax credits. Yes, senators who supported SB 727 violated their oath of office to "support" the Missouri Constitution. SB 727 violates: Article III, Section 36 of the Missouri Constitution, because it has the effect of "divert[ing]" money from the treasury independent of the appropriation process. Article III, Section 38(a) of the Missouri Constitution, which states that "The general assembly shall have no power to grant public money or property, or lend or authorize the lending of public credit, to any private person, association or corporation..." Article III, Section 39(5) of the Missouri Constitution because it has the effect of "releas[ing] or extinguish[ing]... without consideration... the indebtedness, liability or obligation of... [a] corporation or individual". Article III, Sections 21 and 23 because the purpose of the bill was changed through amendments, and the final title violates the clear title requirement. If the members of this Special Committee have any respect for parents' right with respect to seeking the best for their children, and any respect for the rule of law, the vote killing this bill will be unanimous. Anything less than a unanimous vote will identify prime candidates for repudiation at the next election opportunity. DO THE RIGHT THING AND KILL THIS BILL NOW.



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Homeschoolers do not want changes to the current law.



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Our family along with much of the homeschooling community here in Missouri is not in favor of opening the door to more oversight or control of our government. Dependency of government funds should never be encouraged and never comes without a cost to our independence. Many other states have proven there are always unintended or unforeseen consequences to these programs. Please note and consider my opposition to this bill.



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This bill is a monstrous enlargement of power of DESE and unelected bureaucrats and reduces local control. This the bill has GROWN government not reduced it. No thanks. Do better!



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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 support 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 public 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 schoolsLeave educating to the educators, let MO DESE and the local communities decide what the best education practices are. Allowing teachers who are not fully educated in educating to be fully certified teachers is ludicrous. We need fully qualified certified educators in our public schools and the way to get them is to raise the pay and provide benefits that allow them to get the health care they need without having to go into debt. Pay off their student loans, sponsor programs with universities. PUBLIC MONEY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ONLY!!!



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As a taxpayer I am very concerned that expanding the tax dollars designated for education in Missouri to include charter schools and neglecting to put a funding mechanism in place that includes upgrading public education is a mistake that will have devastating results. At present Missouri is close to dead last in teacher pay. This situation will lead to a shortage of young people to pay tuition for college education in teaching only to find that they will qualify for food stamps for their families as a result. Our future and freedom in this country is determined by dedicated teachers who comprise the crux of our education system. Please do not pass this bill. And go back to the drawing board to write a bill that guarantees improvements in supporting education across the boards.



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As a former teacher who taught for 31 years in a Blue Springs public school, I would like to express my concerns and support for SS#2 SCS SB 727. I feel that it would be a tremendous mistake to encourage charter schools and to increase the empowerment scholarship amounts. Public schools educate every child who walks through the door and that education requires adequate funding, proper resources and fair compensation for quality, certified teachers. Today's teachers bring to education wonderful learning techniques that were not presented in my teaching training. Fortunately, teacher professional learning programs enhanced our understanding of diverse populations, learning styles, behavioral strategies, etc. made a tremendous difference in affecting our effectiveness. These programs require fundings to allow teachers to deal with unexpected issues that arise in today's society, and need funding. Our community was also instrumental in providing support to the educational setting, and the teachers supported community projects as well. Community members and teachers worked as a team. I also feel that accountability is vitally important, and is present in a public school system, but not required in charter schools. How many people would abide by the speed limit if there wasn't fear of a speeding ticket? My husband complained of numerous situations he encountered in his working environment where accountability wasn't enforced. The lack of accountability and oversight that could exist in charter schools would be a tremendous waste of taxpayer dollars. I am pleased with aspect of the legislation that increases the quality, accessibility and flexibility of teachers and strongly urge that teacher salaries be increased. Teaching is certainly a "labor of love" and ends up being a 24 hour job, but teachers still need to support their families and provide for the many expenses that occur with a family. A family shouldn't be penalized for having a parent in education. The retirement system in education is strong and does a great job providing secure retirement. Please keep that intact. I also strongly support funding for smaller and rural schools. Often, smaller schools offer more opportunities for a positive educational foundation. Please continue to provide them necessary funding to provide quality education. I have no issue with the districts who feel that a four day workweek works best for their population. I feel that districts should be able to make decisions that best suits their populations. Please support early childhood programs, career ladder programs, literacy programs, suicide prevention programs and other programs that address educational needs. Students become future leaders, tax payers and voters and it is to everyone's advantage to have them as well rounded as possible with diverse public education. Thank you for letting me offer my input. I just recently had a conversation with a person from a different state who was explaining how the educational standards of that state had declined to the point where people were employed as teachers who had no teaching training and how ineffective they were being and how disinterested the students had become. We cannot let that happen in Missouri, and we are at risk of that being the case if charter schools and empowerment scholarships are given

greater funding. Please empower public schools. Thank you.



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