



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ANDREW DONALD WELLS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-860-5476	
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I am the Missouri Chapter President for No Left Turn in Education a national 501c3			



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WITNESS NAME: CHERI PELLO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm in full support of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: EIMEE COOK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I wish to support this legislation. Our children are suffering at the hand of the government run education system. This system seems to believe parents should have no voice in the education of their children. The best way to make them accountable is to allow our children educational freedom.



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WITNESS NAME: JEAN EVANS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-229-0827	
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We support this bill and as an effort to allow more parents to have control over their students' education.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN POTTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LINDI WILLIFORD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: lindishae@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/19/2022 7:42 AM
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I support HB221.I am a resident of St. Charles County. Public school is failing the children in my county. Approximately half of the students in St. Charles County public schools are NOT proficient in the core subjects. This is unacceptable.Our children deserve access to empowerment scholarships so they can choose an education that will not fail them.



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WITNESS NAME: AMANDA SCHMID		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: mrs.schmid@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/19/2022 9:16 AM
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This bill seeks to tear apart public education. This program will reduce state general revenue funds by up to \$50 million per year and reduce state funds that could have been used for public education and other vital services and would divert those funds to private and home schools that are not held to the same standards as public schools.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/19/2022 11:34 PM

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I am opposed to this Legislation and Do NOT Trust the Intention or Definition.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I Oppose This Bill. This is Yet Another Sneaky Attempt to Erode Our Public School Systems Across Missouri and the Opportunity to Divert Public Monies to Private Buddies, Making a Profit on Education of Our Missouri Students.



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WITNESS NAME: BLAIR PANZICA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE KELLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTY POTTHAST		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: c.potthast@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/19/2022 7:10 PM
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Once donors claim tax credits, then the overall Missouri Dept of Revenue (DOR) will receive less tax revenue. Once the DOR receives less tax revenue then there is less tax revenue that will get routed to public schools. Missouri is already ranked 49th in the amount of funding that the state provides public schools. Why do we want to continue to underfund our schools?



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WITNESS NAME: DAVA-LEIGH BRUSH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Let's wait until the program is up and running before we expand it. The cost of this program is a year's salary for a teacher during time of shortages and budget cuts.



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WITNESS NAME: ELEANOR GUND		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please just fully fund public schools so that they have the resources to support ALL students. Your priority should be increasing funding to all Missouri public schools, not shifting money to private schools!



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA ROBERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER MAIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose all efforts to undermine the state's public education system, which is the source of education for the majority of Missouri's children.



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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA RISENHOOVER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: KENNETH DERIENZO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LAURA BURKHARDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LAURA DEEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LIZ RAULS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill as it defunds public education and uses public tax dollars to fund private and/or religious schools.



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WITNESS NAME: LYNN DERIENZO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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A parent has the right to choose private schooling. My/our tax dollars should not pay for their choice to not engage in the public school system.



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WITNESS NAME: MARISSA POLZIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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Stop trying to pass bills to dismantle Missouri public education.



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WITNESS NAME: MATT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-680-6188	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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The Missouri State Teachers Association is in opposition to HB2211. MSTA opposes legislation that would give tax credits for scholarships, tuition or vouchers to private schools or voucher plans that would divert public funds to pay for private school tuition. This legislation would expand the empowerment scholarship accounts program without any data or information to hold the current program accountable.



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WITNESS NAME: MIKE WOOD		PHONE NUMBER: 800-392-0532	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 458			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65201
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/5/2022 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: NANCY COPENHAVER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-263-5725	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI		TITLE:	
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LWVMO is opposed to HB 2211 which would be an expansion of the tax credit voucher program created by the Missouri House during the 2021 session. This bill would expand scholarship tax credits, a type of voucher, to additional counties in Missouri. League has testified in the past about these types of voucher programs which reduce state funds that could be used for public education and other vital services, diverting those funds to private and home schools that are not held to the same standards as public schools. The program as passed in 2021 could reduce state general revenue funds by up to \$50 million. HB 2211 could potentially have an even bigger impact on the state budget. League has long supported adequate funding for public education and opposed actions that use public tax money for support of private schools.



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WITNESS NAME: OTTO FAJEN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3202	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI NEA		TITLE: LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR	
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The Association appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 2211. The Association opposes the bill as filed. HB 2211 (Hurlbert) would expand the tax credit voucher program created last year with the enactment of HCS/HB 349 (Christofanelli) to several additional counties. The Association opposed HCS/HB 349 and urges the legislature to repeal or revise the program to ensure that the bill does not use a tax credit to divert state funds to private and home schools that are not held to the same standards as public schools. On behalf of the Association, I thank you for the opportunity to offer our testimony on this bill.



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The bill would expand last year's tax credit voucher program to students in counties with a population of at least 100,000. The Association is concerned that the program will reduce state funds that could fund public education and other vital services and would divert those funds to private and home schools that are not held to the same standards as public schools and opposes the bill.



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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT KIMBLE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-638-4825	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS		TITLE: DIRECTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY	
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The Missouri School Administrators Association would like to go on record in opposition to HB 2211.



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 2211. The Missouri Association of School Administrators would like to go on record in opposition to HB 2211 for the following reasons: First, HB 2211 seeks to expand a poorly conceived program (i.e., the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program – also known as HB 349) to other communities across the state. As we noted last session when HB 349 was being considered, we believe this program will result in the discrimination against some of Missouri's most vulnerable youth. Indeed, the underlying provisions of HB 349 exclude disabled persons from the list of persons who are protected from discrimination under the program. Pursuant to HB 349, private schools receiving funds under the program are specifically prohibited from discriminating against students on the basis of race, color and national origin but are not prohibited from discriminating against students with disabilities. Additionally, under HB 349, students with disabilities are forced to waive their legal right to educational services they would otherwise be entitled to receive as a disabled student in a public school. Indeed, students with disabilities who receive inadequate services or who are treated unfairly under HB 349's provisions will have no legal recourse or procedural safeguards to address such deficiencies. Second, HB 2211 will expand one of the most deregulated voucher/voucher tax credit programs in the country to other communities across our state. As we explained last session, HB 349 does not require private schools that accept voucher tax credit funds to be accredited or require the employees of private schools to undergo background checks. Site visits of private schools conducted by a state authority are precluded under the terms of the program and nothing contained within the provisions of the program require a private school to adhere to basic health and safety measures. The underlying program does require testing; however, it does not require that the students participating in the program take the MAP test. Thus, the state will lack data to determine how students who participates in the program measure up against those who remain in the public school system. Third, HB 2211 expands the use of a 100% tax credit that has a \$25 million cap in the first year which will increase each year thereafter due to inflation until it hits an overall cap of \$50 million. As such, each year, this program will divert tens of millions of dollars from the general revenue fund. A significant portion of these funds would likely have been used to fund the foundation formula, the school transportation categorical, higher education or other workforce development programs. Instead, these funds will be utilized to prioritize the education of students attending private schools or home schools. Finally, as the provisions of HB 349 have not even taken effect, we believe it is unwise to expand the program until the aforementioned concerns can be more fully vetted over time. For the reasons listed above, we ask that you please vote "No" on HB 2211. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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There's no data showing vouchers actually improve outcomes for students. This will ultimately be abused by the wealthy.



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