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Written Testimony to House K-12 Education Budget Committee

Honorable Chair, Representative Kristey Williams

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Room 286-N, State Capitol Building

Oppose [House Bill 2411](#) – Authorizing local boards of education to choose which professional employees' organization to recognize as the exclusive bargaining unit for negotiations conducted under the professional negotiations act.

Hearing: Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 3:30 PM Room 546-S

Honorable Chairman Williams and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HB 2411 – regarding the PNA. **The Kansas PTA is opposed to this bill.**

Key education stakeholders from across the state came together in 2017 to review and revise the Professional Negotiations Act. Kansas PTA continues to support the work of this collaborative effort and the 2017 resolution of this Task Force. This bill undermines that agreement. Further, Kansas PTA supports the balance and distribution of authority for K-12 public education established in the state constitution ([KS PTA Legislative Priority 1](#)). The state legislature carries the obligation to provide equitable and adequate funding, while the State Board of Education “shall have general supervision of public schools” ([KS Constitution, Article VI](#)). Local public schools under the general supervision of the state board of education carry the responsibility and authority to establish policy, be maintained, developed and operated by locally elected boards.

We urge committee members to vote NO on HB 2411. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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