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Written Testimony to House Education Budget Committee
Honorable Chair, Representative Adam Thomas
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Room 286-N, State Capitol Building

Neutral [House Bill 2142](#) – Get the Lead Out

Hearing: Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 1:30 PM Room 218-N

Honorable Chairman Thomas and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HB 2142 – creating the get the lead out of school drinking water act to require schools to comply with legal limits on lead content in school drinking water. PTA has been advocating for safe learning environments for over a century, but is neutral on this bill due in large part to the accompanying [fiscal note](#).

Kansas PTA supports efforts to ensure clean drinking water for students and staff and encourages the Kansas legislature to appropriate funds to ensure implementation, in alignment with [Kansas PTA Standing Positions and Legislative Priorities](#).

Priority 3 – Fully Fund Special Education and other Mandates. Kansas PTA supports efforts to fully fund state and federal education mandates, particularly special education, without disproportionately shifting the required financial obligation to local communities.

SAFETY POLICY – Kansas PTA supports programming and policies that create a safe learning environment for students and staff.

Standing Position – School Facilities. Kansas PTA recognizes the importance of safe school environments and their impact on students’ academic achievement, through policies that ensure all children receive the chance for a quality education in facilities that are safe, well-equipped, and sufficiently maintained.

For these reasons, the Kansas PTA is neutral on HB 2142. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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