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Remote Testimony to Senate Education Committee

Honorable Chair, Senator Renee Erickson

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Room 445-S, State Capitol Building

Opposed to [Senate Bill 49](#) – Needs Assessment and Local Control

Hearing: Thursday, February 6, 2025, 1:30 PM Room 144-S

Honorable Chair Erickson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide remote testimony in opposition to the proposed statutory changes noted in SB 49 regarding building needs assessments.

Kansas PTA recognizes the unique roles and authority of the educational entities identified in the Kansas constitution. We find that this bill interferes with the interests and local control of freely elected school boards. The first legislative priority of the [Kansas PTA Legislative Platform](#) includes acknowledgment of local control. Kansas PTA supports efforts to preserve the wisdom of the Kansas Constitution.

- This includes Article VI, regarding public education, to protect non-partisan elections of local school board members and their local control, to hold legislators' accountable for their obligation to provide suitable finance for ongoing educational improvement, as well as State Board of Education oversight of state education standards and accreditations.

The oversight of public funds used for preK-12 public education are in the hands of eligible Kansas voters. The Kansas PTA encourages committee members and all Kansas legislators to check in with their local public schools to learn more about the extensive needs assessment process and how buildings and districts budget to address local needs. We urge the committee to vote NO on SB 49.

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