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**Opponent, Written Only** Testimony of <u>House Bill 2303</u> for the House K12 Budget Committee for Hearing on **February 11, 2025** Denise Sultz President, Kansas PTA

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Honorable Chair Goetz and Committee Members

**Opposed** to **HB 2303** – Allowing private entities access to and management of PreK-12 plus longitudinal data. Hearing: Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 3:30 PM Room 546-S

Honorable Chair Goetz and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to potentially granting access to and management of longitudinal student data to private entities.

The primary concern is the bill language granting access to student data, protected by data privacy laws, to private entities. The Kansas PTA is in support of building longitudinal capacity, to better understand the impact of educational experiences and programs on the outcomes of Kansas students. However, this data needs to be protected by agency safeguards and/or university systems bound by the rules and regulations of Human Subjects and the Institutional Review Board, in keeping with <u>Kansas PTA Legislative Platform</u>.

We urge the committee pass over this bill and to seek consultation with the Kansas Department of Education and State Board of Education, particularly if these efforts are already underway within the agency.

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