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Chairwoman Williams and Members of Committee, thank you for holding this hearing and for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

My name is Elizabeth Patton and I am the State Director of Americans for Prosperity—Kansas. On behalf of our activists all across our state, we urge you to support SB 61, a bill which would expand educational opportunities for thousands of students in our state.

SB 61 would expand the eligibility criteria for students to take advantage of the Tax Credit for Low Income Students Scholarship Program, an initiative that allows students to receive a scholarship to attend a school that best fits their unique educational needs, interests, and talents.

We believe that empowering all families Kansas with more options in the pursuit of the best educational environment for their kids is critical to allow every student to discover, develop, and apply their talents in order to find fulfillment and success in their lives.

This opportunity should be available to all students – regardless of income or ZIP code. For this reason, we encourage legislators to continue to work on solutions that extend educational opportunities to all the families in our state.

Senate Bill 61 is an important first step forward in achieving this goal. Most especially in times like we have seen in the last year, empowering more at-risk children to have support and flexibility for the best education that fits them is a key to educational success.

It is for these reasons that we respectfully ask for your favorable support of SB 61.

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