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To: Chair Senator Renee Erickson and members of the Kansas Senate
Education Committee

From: Chuck Weber, Kansas Catholic Conference

RE: **WRITTEN OPPONENT FOR SB 514** Authorizing students to participate in
school activities immediately upon transfer to another school unless such
students were recruited, induced or unduly influenced to transfer
for athletic activity participation.

The Kansas Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic
Church in Kansas. We welcome the opportunity to be heard on the proposed
bill, SB 514. The Kansas Catholic Conference opposes this legislation for
several reasons.

Athletic competition can be integral to educational experience. By
participating in athletics, young people can learn, grow and develop just as
they do in the classroom.

If this legislation becomes law, it will likely encourage and facilitate the
creation of "super teams" where stellar athletes are drawn to a particular
school, likely disrupting the natural balance and fairness of competition
between "super teams" and others. Furthermore, allowing virtually unlimited
and unrestricted transfers will likely reduce the importance of the classroom
educational mission and create instability in schools.

For these and other reasons, the Kansas Catholic Conference respectfully
submits this opposition to SB 514.

Thank you.

Chuck Weber
Kansas Catholic Conference