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On Behalf Of: Sheridan School District 48J
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2307

Greetings House Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2307, which provides an exemption for school districts from the ban on the sale of certain fluorescent lamps until January 2, 2030. This bill represents a practical and necessary step in ensuring that schools have the flexibility to maintain safe, functional, and cost-effective lighting solutions while transitioning toward more sustainable alternatives.

Fluorescent lighting remains an integral component of many school facilities. While energy-efficient alternatives such as LED lighting are becoming more common, many school districts face budgetary and logistical constraints that make an immediate transition challenging. By granting this exemption, HB 2307 allows schools the necessary time to plan and implement a cost-effective and well-structured migration to newer lighting technologies without disruption to daily operations.

Furthermore, this bill acknowledges the importance of financial responsibility in school districts. Prematurely forcing schools to replace existing fluorescent lighting systems could impose significant financial burdens, diverting funds away from critical educational programs and student resources. By extending the exemption until 2030, HB 2307 provides a balanced approach that promotes long-term sustainability without placing undue hardship on schools.

I urge you to support HB 2307 and ensure its passage in the legislative session. This bill is a practical solution that prioritizes the needs of our schools while maintaining a commitment to future sustainability. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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