WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

March 13, 2022

I am in support of Senate Bill 276

Chairman Concannon and House Committee Members:

My deceased husband was legally blind, a resident of Kansas.

Blind Kansans have been denied the opportunity to raise and care for a child based on the <u>outdated</u> theory that peoples who are blind are not capable.

Therefore, I urge you to do everything possible to ensure passage of Senate Bill 276, Blind Parents' Rights Act.

Sincerely,

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