Written Statement Only

January 31, 2022

Chairman Hilderbrand and members of the committee:

My name is Andrea Travis, and I am a proponent of SB 276. As a blind citizen and member of the National Federation of the Blind of Kansas, I am writing in support of SB276, an important bill that helps protect the rights of blind parents. This bill clearly enforces laws that already exist to protect the civil rights of blind parents and provides them with due process.

Children should not be taken away from their parents because of misconceptions regarding blindness. I have known many blind parents more capable of child-rearing than their sighted peers, and this bill seems like an obvious due pass.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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