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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2108**

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am appearing today in support of HB 2108.

I introduced this bill with the intention of making children who are in the care of their grandparents eligible for free and reduced lunch based upon parent income rather than grandparent income as a method to reduce the cost of care for a child and to incentivize keeping families together. The best method to do this appears to be deeming children in the care of their grandparents foster children for the purposes of free and reduced lunch.

Grandparents in Kansas often struggle with the cost of raising a child after retirement. This bill gives grandparents a small break, and acknowledges the sacrifices they make to keep their family together and out of the foster care system.

Please support Kansas families and grandparents across the state by voting HB 2108 out of committee favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.R. Claeys", is written over a printed name.

J.R. Claeys