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Reference: Written Testimony in Support of House Bill No. 2353

Envision is a not-for-profit employer of people who are blind or visually impaired. Located in Wichita, KS, we have long been a Qualified Vendor for the Kansas State Use Program. Because our quality products are purchased by State Agencies, School Districts and Universities, we are able to provide meaningful employment to people who would otherwise not have the opportunities that full-time employment provides.

I hold an appointed position on the Kansas State Use Law Committee representing a large non-profit qualified vendor. Recently, the committee received an application from a company wishing to be added to the Kansas State Use Catalog. In reviewing the application and visiting the vendor's site, we realized that the Kansas State Use law currently lacks clear definitions and leaves room for a misinterpretation of the intent of the law.

We are asking for a clarified definition of what it means to be a person who has a disability as well as making it clear that he/she is an employee of the SUL vendor who resides in Kansas.

We appreciate this committee's support of the proposed changes to clarify the intent and integrity of the Kansas State Use Law.

Thank you,

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