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Chairman Patton and members of the House Judiciary Committee, the KanCare Advocates Network thanks you for the opportunity to express our collective support for HB 2211/The Supported Decision-Making Agreements Act

KanCare Advocates Network (KAN) is among the largest coalitions in Kansas representing older adults, children, persons with disabilities and mental health needs and providers of health care and long term supports and services that meet annually to review and prioritize our collective issues for the upcoming legislative session. For the past several years, KAN has identified the passage of legislation establishing supported decision-making as a priority issue. We again, ask you to support a bill that would codify the rights of persons to guide the decisions that impact their lives.

HB 2122 has broad support from all of our coalition members and together we ask for your support of the bill. Our efforts in Kansas mirrors a growing national consensus from stakeholders calling for supported decision-making legislation.

Please support HB 2122.

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Alzheimer's Association

Association of Community Mental Health Centers of

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Children's Alliance of Kansas

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Kansas Association of Centers for Independent

Living

Kansas Association of Local Health Departments

Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities

Kansas Home Care Association

Kansas Hospital Association

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