

Testimony IN OPPOSITION to SB 179
Before the Senate Committee on Commerce
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Chairperson Lynn and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Irene Soto and I am a state employee with fourteen years of service. I am also a board member of the Kansas Organization of State Employees (KOSE), representing positions across the State covered by Unit 3. I speak to you today as a private citizen and not as a representative of any state agency. I ask you to join me in opposing SB 212.

During my fourteen years with the state, my pay has allowed me to raise two daughters. My pay has always been mine to do with what I wish, but now after all of these years the state wants to limit how I can use my pay. I find this very insulting. I am an intelligent, professional adult and am competent enough to make my own decisions about my affiliations and my expenditures.

My union pays a service fee for the collection of my union dues, so the state is not out any funds for withholding my dues.

Taking away my basic freedom to manage my paycheck is not protecting my paycheck. Please preserve my freedoms and vote against SB 212.