

Chairman, Thomas, and members of the committee. My name is Rich Epp of Open Spaces Sports, Inc a Live Streaming Company here in Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony in support of Senate Bill, 13 on behalf of the fine viewers who watch our live streaming of Kansas high school sports on openspacesports.com. In the past 12 years, our company a Kansas Company that pay taxes in Kansas and employs 15-18 people has had the privilege of streaming live sporting events to fans which include grandmas and grandpas, brothers and sisters other relatives around the nation and around the world who could not attend those events in person. Open Spaces Sports provides live streaming for communities stretching from Tribune, Kansas to Long Island, Kansas, from Ransom, Kansas to St. Francis, Kansas, and all communities in between. Especially in the most recent years we have not had the ability to cover the teams we cover all year long when it came to postseason, particularly state championship events. We just came off a weekend where we could not stream video for teams we've covered all year, Hoxie, Quinter, Wallace County, Greeley County, Colby and Goodland. In the past several years we've been unable to cover with live streaming many teams we cover all year due to an Exclusive contract that KSHSAA had in place that would prohibit us from streaming live to the fans we'd covered all year long. One of the biggest events we have been unable to cover on championship weekends have been the state wrestling tournaments specifically Class 321A and Class 4A. In addition to the post season we have been denied access to Live Streaming and broadcast of regular season events in recent years.

So I'm here today to support Senate Bill 13 which would allow us at Open Spaces Sports and many companies like ours across the state of Kansas to cover the schools they cover on a regular basis regular and post season along with an NFHS.

Richard Epp-Open Spaces Sports CEO