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**Chairman Goetz & Members of the House K-12 Education Budget Committee,**

I am writing in strong support of HB 2303, the Kansas State Longitudinal data System. This bill will enhance education and workforce alignment by securely integrating data from multiple agencies, ensuring that Kansas remains competitive in workforce development and economic growth.

Why I Support HB 2303:

- **Better Decision-Making:** The KLDS will allow policymakers, educators, and businesses to use data-driven insights to improve educational outcomes and workforce readiness.
- **Workforce Alignment:** Kansas needs a centralized system to track and align educational pathways with in-demand industries, supporting students and workers in career advancement.
- **Data Privacy & Security:** This bill includes robust safeguards to protect personal information while ensuring responsible data use.
- **Cost-Effective Research:** HB 2303 will streamline data access, reducing inefficiencies and helping state agencies make informed, cost-saving policy decisions.
- **Drives Economic Growth** – Aligns education and workforce programs to address talent gaps, retain skilled workers, and attract businesses to Kansas.

I urge you to support HB 2303 and advance this important initiative. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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