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Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you today.

Unfortunately time is very limited on the many issues concerning the changes in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver.

Therefore, with some regret, I request that you support the inclusion of language within House Bill 2240 to require that any changes to the IDD waiver must be reviewed and agreed to by the legislature.

Recent discussions have lead to the hope that more extensive and inclusive discussions will be held. Also a new outside contractor has been hired to provide input.

However, the need for thorough input, discussion, and agreement requires that adequate time be taken for the process. The current deadlines are not conducive to that.

While it may be said that current proposed changes and deadlines are not cast in concrete, they are still there. They occur only a short time after this legislature adjourns.

This proviso will provide for documented protection of a crucial process that I feel is vital not only for my son and his providers but for the entire community, both those being served and for all Kansans.

So my simple request is for your support to give a protection to us and this process through the addition of language within HB 2240.

Jim Huber