To: Chairwoman Renee Erickson

Senate Committee on Government Efficiency

From: Dr. Anita Raghavan, Communication Director, Eco Vista 360, parent of Tavrick Lawless who has Down Syndrome and step-parent of Andrew Lawless who has Autism

Dear Senator Erickson:

I have been a professional in the field of Communication for over 40 years.

I can fairly safely say that parents of children with special needs have not felt included in the conversations regarding changes being made in several areas related to KDADS.

I request that things be slowed down to give us more time to feel included and supported as we try to support our children and young adults.

We do not seek an adversarial relationship. That is in no one's best interest, least of all our vulnerable Kansas citizens.

Thank you. I can be reached at <u>Lara9295@gmail.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Anita Raghavan