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Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you, my name is Nick Wood, I am a disability rights advocate at the Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC). The DRC is a public interest legal advocacy agency, part of a national network of federally mandated and funded organizations legally empowered to advocate for Kansans with disabilities. As such, DRC is the officially designated protection and advocacy organization for Kansans with disabilities. DRC is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, organizationally independent of state government and whose sole interest is the protection of the legal rights of Kansans with disabilities.

Bill number 2335 is the next logical step for Kansas. It will serve to clear up misunderstandings between employers and employed as well as unnecessary confusion in the courts about how people are covered under the act. We applauded the bipartisan support these amendments received at the federal level and we are pleased to see the same kind of understanding between Kansas legislators on this important disability rights issue.