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*"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society  
and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"*

### **Senate Judiciary**

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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity of providing written testimony regarding HB 2335. I am Kerrie Bacon, the Interim Executive Director for the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD). The Council is comprised of over 60% self advocates (people with developmental disabilities), parents and guardians of people with developmental disabilities. KCDD is a federally mandated and funded entity under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. Part of our responsibility is to study and examine the Kansas system for people who have developmental disabilities and to advocate with policymakers for improvements.

**The Council is supportive of HB 2335, which will align Kansas statute with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.**

It is important for Kansas to have its laws in line with the ADA Amendments Act in order to reduce confusion regarding disability rights. The ADA Amendments Act of 2008 had a broad range of stakeholder, business and bi-partisan support that we hope will be reflected in the Kansas legislature for the Kansas statute, HB 2335.

Thank you for permitting me to testify.

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