The Honorable Representative Don Schroeder Kansas House of Representatives Room 512-N 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street Topeka, Kansas

Dear Representative Schroeder,

This Fall there as been sufficient activity from organizations outside of Kansas to warrant the passage of proposed legislation, HB 2037. Organizations from Wisconsin and Washington, D. C. use a bullying tactic to threaten lawsuits if there is not freedom from religion. The United States Constitution guarantees the freedom of religion. These organizations use the wrong preposition. The passage of this bill is an important step in the protection of Kansas communities and their citizens from these bullying tactics. Also, we have a significant Native American population. Their heritage would be protected under the proposed legislation.

The citizens of the City of McPherson and McPherson County have had a long religious heritage. Also, we have shown compassion and understanding to visitors and new residents of other heritages and beliefs. Now we need protection for our constitutional rights. Local elected officials need the support HB 2037 would provide.

Thank you for your service to the State of Kansas and its people,

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