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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
THE HONORABLE STEVE HUEBERT-
HB 2172 AN ACT CONCERNING CEMETERY CORPORATIONS

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to address you today concerning HB 2172. My name is Kathy Sachs. I am the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Business Services Division. I am here as a proponent of HB 2172.

The 2011 legislature passed significant revisions to the statutory requirements for Cemetery Permanent Maintenance Funds and pre-need Merchandise Trust Funds. The goal of that legislation was to ensure the safety and security of the fund while making the filing requirements more business friendly. We believe the legislation was successful in that goal.

The purpose of HB 2172 is to further clarify the intent of the 2011 legislation. We are pleased to say that our office is working hand in hand with the cemetery industry. Our mutual goal is to ensure that statutory requirements and regulations are not overly burdensome to cemetery businesses, and at the same time do not compromise our duty to protect the security of funds prepaid by consumers.

Thank you for your time. I would be glad to stand for any questions.