

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Senator Abrams and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Good Afternoon. My name is Becky Hutchins, and I am here today to speak in support of SB 104.


I served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1994 thru 2006. One of my goals in serving the people of Kansas was to make the state a safer place to live and raise a family. I feel SB 104 is an appropriate step in addressing the concern of minors accessing inappropriate information on public computers paid in part or in whole with taxpayer money.

Somewhere in my home I have a large expandable folder with information concerning Children's Internet Protection and what different states have passed to address this issue. I do have a newspaper article from the *CAPITAL-JOURNAL* when I was in the legislature entitled "Lawmaker Wants Libraries to Filter Porn From Kids" that verifies I successfully added a provision to a library bill in the House that would require public libraries to use Internet filters on computers that are accessed by minors. I defined minors as any unmarried person younger than 18. The amendment allowed children to use unfiltered computers with parental permission. The amendment was endorsed by the House on a 107-16 vote. This showed me that there was overwhelming support for such a measure even though the Senate never took up the bill.

I feel SB 104 will address the issue of individuals accessing inappropriate information on public computers without putting an undue burden on anyone.

It is my hope that your committee will work SB 104 and pass it favorably out of committee.

Becky Hutchins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Hutchins".