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To Whom It May Concern:

The Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides continuing education support to members of the Kansas Library Association, but operates independently. The organization does not have a structure of dues-payment, and relies solely on fundraising to provide these opportunities.

A fundraiser that has been very successful for us in the past is the "Baskets" that are given as prizes for tickets, both sold or free, at our conference each year. Although we feel that we are in compliance with the law with this fundraiser by offering tickets for free or a donation, many of the conference attendees, if asked, would say the tickets sold for a specific amount, which would be against the law. In fact, most people coming to the table want to know the cost. Explaining the system is confusing. Their response is more often than not, "It goes for a good cause," meaning they are willing to give to support the organization; and, if they win, that's just an added bonus. However, their ignorance of our compliance with the law could be detrimental to the organization if we would be called on to verify that we offered tickets for free. Other than singling persons out that they received a free ticket, we would only have a small sign that denotes a ticket could be received for free. Furthermore, we are not motivated to publicize that we're giving free tickets, as that undermines the goal of the project, which is to raise funds.

Another problem with the current law is that it causes derision among the attendees. If someone announces the win with a free ticket, everyone will not only be sad they didn't win, they will be mad thinking that person didn't care enough about the organization to donate toward the fund.

The Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation would like to go on record as being in favor of the proposal for K.S.A. 21-4302; K.S.A. 21-4303 that would allow non-profits the ability to hold raffles for fundraising activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony for the hearing.

Sincerely,

  
Rita Severt

President