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Sedgwick County Law Library, Inc.

February 5, 2015

Member of the House Judiciary Committee
Kansas House of Representatives
300 S W 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: House Bill 2112

Dear Committee Member:

The Sedgwick County Law Library withdraws its objection to House Bill 2112 as it is written. The SCLL is, however, experiencing a financial pinch. Any additional downturn could have a significant adverse impact on the SCLL's ability to carry out its mission and serve its patrons.

It is appropriate to revisit the SCLL's mission. That mission is to significantly contribute to the provision of high quality legal services to the public and the courts, to aid the courts in the dispensing of justice, and to provide services to the general public. It is a regional facility serving attorneys, judges and the public. Many of our patrons are members of the public who, often due to economic hardship, are self-representing. Our patrons depend on both books and online research to serve their needs. Members of the public and solo and small firm practitioners cannot afford to maintain a large collection or subscriptions for legal research. Having access to the resources of the Sedgwick County Law Library levels the playing field for those seeking due process. Additionally, both high school and college students use our facility in their efforts to further their civic education and to better understand the rule of law. The funds we receive pursuant to K.S.A. 20-3126 are vital to our ability to carry out this mission.

If you have any questions, or want additional information, please let me know and we will get it to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karin M. Kirk".

Karin M. Kirk
Executive Director