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Testimony before the
House Judiciary Committee

on

HCR 5013

by

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. KASB rises as an opponent to **HCR 5013**.

Our opposition is based on a vote of our Delegate Assembly in December of 2014:

“We support the role of an independent judiciary in enforcing constitutional provisions. We oppose either changing the selection process for judges or limiting the ability of the courts to enforce those provisions, which would weaken the traditional separation of powers in Kansas.”

Our members believe strongly the system is not broken or in need of improvement and has demonstrated this by voting in the affirmative on this resolution each year since 2011. Prior to that, it was part of our permanent policies for at least a decade.