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Testimony in support of SB 98

Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee, Chair, Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Ranking Member,
Senator Faust-Goudeau

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and other distinguished Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB 98

It is my honor today to speak about the importance of passing SB 98. This bill is intended to make government more open and accessible to the people of Kansas. Specifically the legislation addresses the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the Kansas Open Records Act.

The Kansas Open Record Act allows for governmental institutions to charge excessive fees when it comes to requests. This legislation will address that issue as well as requiring minutes to be taken at any meeting where the Kansas Open Meetings Act applies. I urge you to support the favorable passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

Jacob LaTurner
Kansas Senator, District 13

SB 10, AN ACT concerning openness in government; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 45-219, 46-1207a and 75-4318 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 33; Nays 7; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Abrams, Apple, Bowers, Bruce, Denning, Donovan, Faust-Goudeau, Fitzgerald, Francisco, Haley, Hawk, Hensley, Holland, Holmes, Kerschen, King, Knox, LaTurner, Longbine, Love, Lynn, Masterson, Melcher, O'Donnell, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Powell, Pyle, Shultz, Smith, Wagle.

Nays: Arpke, Kelly, McGinn, Pettey, V. Schmidt, Tyson, Wolf.

The bill passed, as amended.