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Sam Brownback, Governor

To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

From: Lea Taylor, Assistant Secretary

Date: March 16, 2015

Subject: *SB 39, Updating statutory references and making corresponding changes due to 2012 E.R.O. No. 41*

Chairwoman Pilcher- Cook and members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony in support of SB 39. Since the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) was established on July 1, 2012 through an Executive Reorganization Order (ERO) issued by Governor Sam Brownback, we have been working actively with the Legislature to clean up statutes to reflect the changes and align them with current agency responsibilities. It is imperative that these statutory references be correct in order to provide as much clarity to agencies, stakeholders, and lawmakers who are referencing them when implementing programs and crafting legislation.

KDADS appreciates the Committee considering this important legislation and reiterates our support for SB 39.