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Date: January 22, 2018  
Subject: SB 217, Amending a number of statutes to update statutory references and make technical changes

Chairman Hawkins and members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 217. This bill makes the following technical changes to a number of statutes relating to responsibilities transferred to Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) under 2012 Executive Reorganization Order No. 41, in accordance with enacted 2016 SB 449.

- Replaces the term “mentally retarded and other handicapped persons” with “individuals with intellectual or other disabilities” in accordance with current law
- Removes references to repealed statutes and replaces with the current statutory citations
- Updates grammar

These changes to the Kansas statutory language fall in line with Federal law and provide a more appropriate, accurate, and kind way to reference to individuals with intellectual or other disabilities. At this time, I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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