

**KANSAS COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC. AND
KANSAS CREDIT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION**

**House Bill No. 2273
Neutral Testimony – Written Only**

Senate Utilities Committee

January 18, 2018

Chairman Olson and Members of the Senate Utilities Committee:

We are submitting neutral testimony to you on House Bill No. 2273 on behalf of the Kansas Collectors Association and Kansas Credit Attorney Association. The Kansas Collectors Association, Inc., which is an association of collection agencies in Kansas and the Kansas Credit Attorneys Association, a statewide organization of attorneys, represent firms whose practice includes considerable collection work for both public and private entities.

House Bill No. 2273 places additional restrictions in the Kansas Consumer Protection Act on the use of automatic dialing and announcing devices when used to make unsolicited consumer telephone calls, these unwanted telemarketing calls are also known as “robocalls”.

Our industry is exempt, under certain conditions, from the provisions of the Kansas “No-Call Act” when performing collection activity. In addition, there are a long series of federal/state laws governing the collection industry, providing for uniform policing/enforcement and protection for consumers.

The existing exemption in the Kansas Act is important to us and we want to remind you that expansion of the bill beyond its current draft to include other types of consumer telephone calls could create unintended consequences, inconsistency and conflicts with federal law.

We encourage you to consider the bill as it is currently written, without further amendment.

Thank you for your consideration today.

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For the Kansas Collectors Association
and Kansas Credit Attorney Association