

## Written Comments Presented by the House Committee on Commerce Submitted by Michael Monteferrante in Favor of HB 2174

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Chairman Tarwater and Honorable Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments in support of HB 2174. I am Michael Monteferrante, President and CEO for Envision. For those unfamiliar with Envision, it is one of the nation's largest, most trusted service and employment providers for people who are blind or low vision and is a participant in the Kansas State Use Law (SUL) program.

I join the SUL Committee members in supporting HB 2174 that authorizes an extension of the SUL Committee for an additional five years. It is a forum for all participants in the SUL program to come together to discuss concerns and develop fresh ideas to expand and improve the programs, products and services offered by the SUL program and that ultimately benefit the people Envision is committed to serving—the blind and visually impaired.

On behalf of Envision, I urge passage of HB 2174. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (316) 440-1501.

President and CEO Envision, Inc.

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