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Testimony in support of HB2701

Thank you for giving me a few minutes today to share my thoughts with you. My name is Kathy Lobb and I work for the Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas. I have been testifying for the past 20 years and I always ask one question. Would you hire a person with an intellectual or developmental disability? Usually people answer with "Of course I would." And then I ask how many people with disabilities they have on their staff. That question gets fewer, if any, answers.

After 20 years of asking, I stand here today in support of HB2701 that may finally answer my question. Kansans with disabilities are an untapped resource for employers. It is time that the State of Kansas takes the lead.

Thank you.