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Senate Bill 360 / Enacting the Kansas assistance animals in housing act.

Proponent

Written Testimony

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Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today's committee hearing on Senate Bill 360 because of a conflict, but I wanted to voice my full support for this bill and the need for this law in Kansas.

This bill clearly aligns Kansas with the Fair Housing Act and protects housing providers, residents, and those with disabilities. Current Kansas code relates to places of public accommodation with no mention of housing. It does not govern reasonable accommodation requests from applicants or renters under the Fair Housing Act. Making sure that it does this in Kansas code is critical.

Senate Bill 360 outlines roles and responsibilities for those involved and engaged with animal assistance in housing in Kansas.

These changes to Kansas code would help curb the proliferation of fake emotional support animals. It would also make it easier for legitimate users of animal assistants to find acceptance of their trained companions.

Please support Senate Bill 360 and vote it out of committee. Thank you.