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Senator Hilderbrand and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Adult Care Executives (KACE) is a non-partisan, non-profit professional association serving nursing home administrators and assisted living operators in Kansas. Our membership includes 300 individual administrators and operators from both the non-profit and for-profit adult care sectors. Our members are located throughout the state of Kansas and several members serve as both the administrator and owner of their facilities.

Senate Bill 303

My name is Bill Tofflemire, and I am the Executive Director for Kansas Adult Care Executives Association. Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns in regard to SB 303. Adult care home providers understand very well the importance of human interaction between their residents and their residents loved ones. The lack of social and physical interaction has been a leading concern for providers throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. Providers will continue to facilitate safe visitation while vigilantly following the required infection control best practices to keep residents and staff safe, but federal and stated licensed adult care homes must take direction from the regulatory authorities that govern the long-term care industry. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have all issued guidance and best practices during the COVID-19 public health emergency that licensed adult care homes must follow to retain funding and licensure, and to avoid fines. SB 303 puts providers in a very difficult position forcing them to follow either state law, or to follow the guidance set forth by the long-term care regulatory authorities, and for that reason Kansas Adult Care Executives Association is opposed to SB 303.