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In Support of SB303
Ness City, KS
Senate District #33

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm writing today to support SB303. Hi, my name is Michelle Rein. I am 38 years old and just recently spent 4 months in the hospital. When I went into the hospital there were no visitors allowed at all due to COVID. It was the hardest thing ever when you are so used to being around your family daily and then have that taken from you when you are hurt and not feeling good the way it is.

I ended up having extreme anxiety and depression and having to get on medication for it. I did at least have my phone and computer so I could FaceTime my family and friends. I can't imagine being an elderly person or disabled person who has to live in a home were they have been isolated for a year now from their family and loved ones and most of them not even having a phone were they can facetime and see them.

I don't understand why immediate family from the outside can't take the same precautions as the nurses and other staff to at least come in every once in awhile and give their loved ones a hug and visit. Keeping them in isolation any longer is going to kill them before COVID does.

Thank You for your time.
Michelle Rein