

## Testimony in Opposition to HB2275

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee concerning this bill. My name is Brad Linnenkamp and I am the President of the Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas. As written and submitted, HB2275 could and would benefit those “vendors” that pay sub-minimum wages to individuals with disabilities. If you don’t know what that looks like, let me explain. Currently, 14C Certificates allow businesses to employ individuals with disabilities and pay them wages below the Federal and/or State minimum wage limit. Individuals can make as little as \$1.00/hour or less. There are individuals who make more than the minimum wage, however, those individuals are far and few between. Changes proposed in this bill would allow that practice to continue.

We would ask for an amendment to this bill that would continue the practice in current law of not allowing entities that pay subminimum wage to benefit from these tax credits. It is our understanding that DRC Kansas is working on an amendment to do that. SACK would welcome the opportunity to work with disability stakeholders and members the Committee to make that change.

Please don’t let Kansas take a step backwards.

