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**TESTIMONY ON HB 2426**  
**Before the Judiciary Committee of the Kansas Senate**

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Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on one of the most significant bills that this committee will consider today.

I am happy to place my name on this legislation for two compelling reasons. Most importantly, I wanted the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee to wonder what I was up to with this seemingly trivial and innocuous piece of legislation. In addition, after hearing from the House Democratic policy chair that of the 63 bills signed into law last year, only one had a House Democrat’s name on it, and I thought it would be good to have at least one this year as well.

The inspiration for this bill came over the summer when I was actually working, and while reviewing the statute on small claims appeals I noticed an incorrect statutory citation. The other sections of the bill are statutory corrections that the Revisor’s Office have wanted to make but were waiting for the proper vehicle.

And I think we all know that “vehicle” is the operative word here. All you need to do is change the effective date on the bill, and it will be sent to conference to get loaded up like a Christmas tree. You can thank me later in the year when the committee’s used car lot is otherwise empty and it’s one of your bills that gets tacked onto it.

I would be happy to attempt to answer to any questions you have, if I were present at the hearing.