Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on House Bill 2500 Written Testimony Presented in Support of Amendments By Capitol Federal[®] Savings Bank, Natalie Haag

Chairman Wilborn and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony on House Bill 2500. My name is Natalie Haag and I serve as General Counsel to Capitol Federal Savings Bank. Capitol Federal has been headquartered in Topeka, Kansas, since 1893 and we currently have 49 branches in the state. Our branch staff deals with powers of attorney on a daily basis, so this issue is important to our business.

We initially raised some concerns to various members of the House Judiciary Committee regarding House Bill 2500, as introduced. These concerns have largely been addressed, however, by that Committee's amendments to the bill. We understand the Judicial Council has recommended the following additional amendments to the bill:

- Strike "third person's" from the proposed amendment to K.S.A. 58-658(e)(3) (page 4, line 43).
- Strike ", or an opinion of counsel" from the proposed amendment to K.S.A. 58-658(g)(4) (page 5, line 29).

Our lingering concerns would be addressed by these proposed amendments. Therefore, we concur with the Judicial Council's recommendation and request that the Committee adopt the proposed amendments and pass the bill as amended.