Reference: Senate Bill 284

Greetings from Lindsborg,, Kansas, a.k.a. Little Sweden, USA in McPherson county.

I offer written testimony in reference to Senate Bill 284 specifically concerning access to NFB-NEWSLINE, the "free audio and Braille service for blind and print-disabled people offering access to more than 500 publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, and more."

In the mid 90s, I met my blind friend,, Sharon. I continue to learn of the challenges a blind person faces and learn of helps to meet the challenges. NEWSLINE is one such help for Sharon and others who are sight impaired.

I thank you for your consideration and urge you to support Senate Bill 284.

Sincerely,

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