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**TESTIMONY ON HB 2549**

Good afternoon. HB 2549 brings the Kansas Public Records Preservation Act into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It has long been the policy of Kansas that state and local government records with enduring value shall be preserved. The current law sets out a procedure for the state historical society and state archivist, under supervision of the Secretary of State, to obtain noncurrent governmental records with enduring value from state agencies, state government and local agencies. After such records are obtained they are arranged, stored and preserved. HB 2549 adds e-mail, texting and other electronic records with enduring value to those records that must be preserved. The bill includes a definition of electronic records. It also requires the best practice of having security backup for electronic records. HB 2549 provides an outline of some of the records with enduring value. Finally, HB 2549 clarifies state government and includes state officials, such as statewide elected officers.

I ask for your votes in favor of HB 2549.

“Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” Sir  
Winston Churchill

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