



Promoting empowerment and Independence.

Members of the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Kathy Lobb, and I am a person with a disability. I work for the Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas, and I am here today on behalf of Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities to ask you to make sure that "people first" wording is used when the State is discussing KanCare and other health care initiatives. I would also ask that the language be consumer friendly so that those of us with intellectual and developmental disabilities can fully understand the discussions and decisions being made about the services that we receive. We can't make informed decisions about our care if we don't understand our options.

As you consider the budget, I would also ask that the savings that KanCare generate be used to provide and enhance services. There are thousands of consumers who are on the waiting list. Savings could, and should, be used to make sure they get the services they need.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lobb

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