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Testimony in Support of
HB 2193
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Thank you Chairman Siegfried and members of the committee for this opportunity to testify in support of passage of HB 2193. This bill amends the statutes designating the accessibility building standards architects and builders must use in Kansas. The current statutes reference the older version of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Standards which were established in 1991. The US Department of Justice adopted newer standards that must be used for construction and modification of public buildings which went into effect in 2010. If the Kansas statute is changed to align with the federal requirements, there will be only one standard to follow making it much easier to design and build. KCDC encourages you to support passage of HB 2193.