



House Federal and State Affairs
Written Testimony in Support of SB 70
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Good Morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. I am Kent Cornish, President/Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, representing nearly 265 commercial and non commercial radio and television stations across the state.

To me, this is a simple bill if you believe in government transparency. While I have never sat on a public board that went into executive session, I can't understand why you wouldn't want some clear definition of why you need to, and to have it specifically part of the meeting minutes as this bill states.

The public has a right to know the real reasons an organization wants to exclude them from a discussion. Obviously there are good reasons to do that. However they should be limited and expressly stated to all in attendance as well as those who review minutes.

We support this bill and look forward to passage in this committee and both houses.

Thank you very much for your time.

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