



**Written Testimony To The Senate Utilities Committee
In Opposition of HB2273**

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I respectfully submit this written testimony in opposition to HB2273 on behalf of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association. KCTA members provide advanced telecommunications services including video, voice and broadband to both urban and rural communities across Kansas.

Our main concerns with HB2273 in its' current form are; 1) its' necessity, 2) its' non-conformity with Federal law, and 3) confusion related to definitions contained within the bill. To the later point, under federal law, an "automatic dialing-announcing device" is, in short, any equipment that has the potential ability to dial numbers without manual intervention. The definition in HB2273 goes further than federal law by stating that an autodialer is any device that has the ability to dial numbers with OR without manual intervention. Currently, technology used by some of our member companies incorporates manual intervention. If this law prohibits autodialers that use manual intervention from being used, this could be extremely problematic.

If this Committee chooses to advance HB2273, we would respectfully request that changes be made to the bill to mirror the Federal law. Applicable provisions can be found in the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991. This is codified as 47 U.S.C. § 227. These provisions actually include standards related to ways in which consent can be given by non-subscribers that provide more protections to the consumer than what is being proposed in this bill.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns and would be to answer any questions you may have.