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To: Kansas Senate Committee on Commerce

Re: Opposition to HB2454, threat to military service members' adequate notice

Members of the committee,

Military personnel make up a significant portion of self-storage customers. Their deployments and their particular situations often require extended periods of relocation and possible loss of contact with storage facility operators.

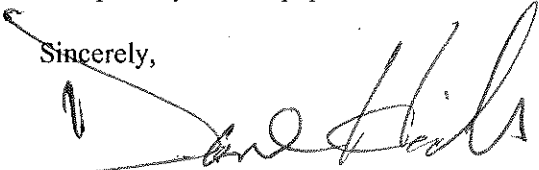
Instead of giving the broadest possible notice that a service member's belongings are about to be assumed and liquidated, HB2454 would allow facility owners to constrict due process and transparency by giving only perfunctory notice on social media or elsewhere which service members most likely would never see or hear about.

I posted a picture of my breakfast on my Facebook page yesterday. Did you see it? Of course not.

This bill isn't fair to service members or other members of the public who depend on effective notice before the disposal of their belongings. Newspapers have the undivided attention of their subscribers, pass-along value from friends and relatives who read, as well as online availability and are sometimes emailed directly to service members abroad.

U.S. service members deserve our best possible regard on this issue, and that best option for transparency is newspapers and the audience they deliver.

Sincerely,


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